

**RECORD #: 10-B-06**

IDAHO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

Eurasian Collared-Dove

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DATE REPORT PREPARED:

5/22/06

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

5/21/06

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

Bonneville County, about 1 1/2 mile west of Idaho Falls.  
On power line in front of our house--address above.

HABITAT:

Rural, homes + agricultural

CONDITIONS:

No wind, temperature probably in the 70s.  
Distance?--I was standing on the shoulder of the road across the street from the power line--opposite the bird, with the setting sun coming from my right onto the bird.

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

No, not at all

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

Yes, later the same day

WHAT GUIDE(S) OR REFERENCE(S) DID YOU CONSULT?:

I looked at the National Geographic "Field Guide to the Birds of NA" 3rd edition just to see the range map to tell my neighbor how much its US range has expanded.

DESCRIPTION:

The bird was obviously a dove--small head, plump body. Fan-shaped tail with white corners. Pale gray breast & belly, warmer, buffy gray back. Black collar on hind neck.

BEHAVIOR:

The bird was just sitting on the wire. It turned its head from side to side but otherwise just sat there.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE BIRD, AND WHAT CLINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU?

I've seen Eurasian Collared-Doves before--in Florida, New Mexico, Arizona, and Idaho (Neeley, Rexburg, Roberts). The fan-shaped tail and "collar" on the back of the neck clinched the identification. My neighbor had told me about recently seeing "strange doves" in his yard--with fan-shaped tails.

HOW DID YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR SPECIES, AND WHAT WERE THEY?

Mourning Dove eliminated by the fan-shaped tail on this bird. Mourning Dove (very common in our neighborhood) would have long pointed tail.

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

We have many Mourning Doves in our neighborhood, and I've seen them all my life. I've seen Eurasian Collared-Doves in several states--see above.

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

I've been birding about over 40 years. Level of expertise--moderate to advanced.

WERE PHOTO(S), VIDEO, AND/OR AUDIO OBTAINED BY YOU?:

None