

**RECORD #: 18-B-06**

IDAHO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

Eurasian Collared-Dove

REPORTER:

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DATE REPORT PREPARED:

5-29-06

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

5-20-06, early spring 06 through present, 5-15-06 through present

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

Outside of Blackfoot ID, in Bingham County. First sighting was south of Blackfoot on Hwy 91 next to the Bonneville communications radio building on the south side. Second sighting was in the Rose area north of Blackfoot on N 150 W. The Third sighting was along Buttercup In. off Rich In. East of Blackfoot.

HABITAT:

Around mixed trees but always with Blue Spruce. Farmland surrounds all locations. Also at all locations is farmers backyards. Water sources are nearby.

CONDITIONS:

Have been seen in all types of weather. Binoculars and naked eyes were used for viewing. Distances from birds vary from about 30 feet to 50 yards.

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?:

Sibley Guide to Western North American Birds

Kenn Kaufman guide to Birds of North America

DESCRIPTION:

This bird belongs to the Columbidae family (pigeons and doves). All parts of the body were seen on each bird at each location. The particular field markings that distinguish this bird from others were present including: Dark primaries and gray undertail coverts, dark neck ring, squarish tail with white underneath, slightly larger than mourning doves.

BEHAVIOR:

Most of the time when I have seen them they are just sitting in a tree or on a wire. On occasion I saw them fly and the flight pattern was similar to other doves.

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

Identification was nearly immediate after a good view of the bird was obtained. They had dark rings on the back of their necks (those that were sitting). The primaries were dark and the undertail coverts were gray with the white being on the end of the squarish tail underneath.

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

It was first noted that these birds were not mourning doves due to the tails and ring on back of neck. The next thing to note was the difference between these birds and Ringed Turtle-Doves with the primaries that the undertail coverts.

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

I first saw this species when they were first found in Idaho west of American Falls. I have seen a pair of EC doves hanging out at the location South of Blackfoot from spring to fall for two consecutive years. I have also seen a flock of them wintering in the Rockford/Pingree area. I have seen plenty of Mourning Doves but never a Ringed Turtle-dove.

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

I have been a birder for about 12 years and I am now 24. I would consider myself in the upper end of an intermediate birder. I wouldn't call myself advanced or expert.

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

None