

DOCUMENTATION FOR ESCAPED OR RELEASED EXOTIC SPECIES FOR CBC ONLY.  
DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Ringed Turtle Dove (Streptopelia risoria) How many? 1 (One)

Location? 2411 State Street, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk County, IA <sup>Ethel Pohl residence</sup>

Type of habitat? Back yard feeders

When? date(s): December 19, 1982 time: 8:00 am to 8:10 am

Who? your name and address: Francis L. Moore, 264 Western Ave., Waterloo, IA 50701

others with you: Russell Hays

others before or after you: Bob Myers

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Bird had typical Columbidae shape. Bird was first seen about 2 months before the CBC and could possibly have been released by a young man who released 2 Ringed Turtle Doves about June 1, 1982 two to four blocks from where this bird has been feeding. I could not get the young mans name or exact address from my informant. The bird appeared a little larger than the Mourning Doves with which it travels.

The bird is a sandy ~~tan~~ tan overall with a dark bill and reddish eyes and legs. The bird also had a black neck band on the back of its neck. The tail was sandy color with the tips of the outermost retrices fading to white. The tail was also rounded and squared off, not pointed. The belly and under parts were a very light sandy color to white color. When the bird flew it ~~had~~ made a whirring sound similar to the Mourning Dove does when it is flushed. This bird had truly turned feral and at the time I was there was quite skittish and flew when I approached while the Mourning Doves did not fly.

Similar species and how eliminated: Mourning Dove is darker with a pointed tail that is longer than Ringed Turtle Dove. Ringed Turtle Dove has a dark band on the top of its neck and ~~is~~ appeared to have a slightly larger body size than Mourning Dove.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Overcast, good lighting. Seen at approx. 50' to 60' using 7X35 B+L Roof Prism binoculars and Celestron C90 telescope attached to body of Nikkormat FTN camera effective focal length 1000 mm or 20X.  
Previous experience with species and similar ones: No previous experience with Ringed Turtle Dove; extremely familiar with Mourning Dove.  
References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? None made this form completed? 2 days.  
photographs taken in November

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