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Eurasian Collared-Dove

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Grinnell, Poweshiek Co., IA

Jim Fuller

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DOCUMENTATION

Jim Fuller, 6 Longview Knoll NE, Iowa City 52240

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 69:68

Records Committee: IBL 70:145

VOTE: 7 A-D

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD

SPECIES: EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE

LOCATION: Grinnell (Poweshiek County) At the north edge of town. In and around an evergreen tree on a farmstead along the north side of 16th Avenue on 6 January, and in small trees on the country club golf course on the south side of 16th Avenue on 7 January.

DATE & TIME: 6 January, 1999 (approximately 12:15 PM for 2-3 minutes) 7 January, 1999 (11:35 AM for 3 minutes).

OBSERVER: Jim Fuller, 6 Longview Knoll NE, Iowa City, Iowa, 52240.

OTHERS: 6 January with Tom Kent. 7 January with Jane Fuller.

DESCRIPTION: We were searching for birds of this species. On 6 January, while driving along 16th Avenue, Tom Kent and I saw two birds flying into and around an evergreen tree just north of the road, and on 7 January, Jane Fuller and I spotted three birds sitting in two small trees on the golf course just south of the road. I had a much better look at the sitting birds, and two of these birds eventually flew across the road. The birds appeared to be larger than and generally lighter gray than a Mourning Dove. They had squared rather than pointed tails. They also seemed to be a darker gray than Ringed Turtle Doves. The back of the neck showed a dark line. Both sitting and flying, the undertail was white in the tip half and darker gray on the inner half. In flight, the upperwing gave a three toned appearance. No vocalizations were heard.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Ringed Turtle Dove has darker general coloring, and lacks the two-toned undertail and three-toned upperwing. Mourning Dove is smaller, has a pointed tail with white terminal areas, and lacks the black line on the hindneck, the two-toned undertail, and the three-toned upperwing.

DISAGREEMENT: No

VIEWING CONDITIONS & OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: Both days were cold, windy, and overcast around midday. Looking north to northwest at about 75-150 feet and then south at about 75 feet with Swift Audubon 8.5 X 44 binoculars.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: I have seen the Grinnell birds six previous times, and have also seen a number of birds of this species in Florida.

REFERENCES & FIELD NOTES: No references consulted and no field notes were made. This form was typed on 8 January.