

Ringed Turtle-Dove
Jun 1998
Elkhart, Polk Co., IA
Adeline Studer
P-0610

Record Number: 98-34
Classification: A-P

DOCUMENTATION

Note: Jim Dinsmore, 9 Oct 1998 [2/28/99]

Note: T. H. Kent, 10 Oct 1998

PHOTOGRAPH

Mrs. Lee (Adeline) Studer, 306 Main, Elkhart 50073, June 1998,
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REFERENCES

Field Reports: none

Records Committee: IBL 69:89

VOTE: 6 A-P, 1 ? A-P

NA, Based upon the photos showing a pale bird with pale primaries, and an observer's initial perception of size, this bird is identified as a Ringed Turtle-Dove. The Winter '87 American Birds has the article you've been looking for.

NA, Given the limited information available, I suspect this was probably a Ringed Turtle-Dove rather than a Eurasian Collared-Dove. The bird in the photograph looks paler than collared-doves I have seen in person and in photographs. Turtle-Doves are variable but generally lighter in color than collared-doves. Mr. Studer thought the bird was smaller than a Mourning Dove, which would also indicate a turtle-dove. I am unsure how to interpret the dark V-shaped area on the undertail, which does not match illustration that I have seen of either species.

Ringed Turtle Dove, Note the very white overall plumage, especially tail, but with dark primaries. One observer thought size was slightly smaller than Mourning Dove. It is hard to evaluate the V-shaped dark area under tail, but the collared dove has white in the tip half and dark on body half.

NA, Does one vote on dove sp. when this bird appears to be a non-species? Based on voice I believe this was a Ringed Turtle-Dove.

NA, Ringed Turtle-Dove, Body color seems too pale for Collared-Dove. Primary tips also too pale. Outer edges of tail appear white. No definite song description.

NA, The light color and light tail make me think this is a Ringed Turtle-Dove. I think they would have noted song of Eurasian Collared-Dove.

NA (ECDo), I believe the bird is too slender with too long a tail and head/neck relative to body to be an ECDo. I would vote for RTDo.

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Photo from Mrs. Lee Studer
306 E Main
Elkhart, IA 50073
515-367-5435

Saw bird from May through November (approx) 1997
Again in June 1998

received from Jim Dinsmore 9 Oct 1998

October 10, 1998, 9:00 a.m.

Note on telephone conversation with Adeline (Mrs. Lee) Studer, Elkhart, IA, 515-367-5435

I called regarding Eurasian Collared-Dove. I received her photo of the bird yesterday from Jim Dinsmore.

I first talked with Lee Studer, who thought the bird was a tad smaller than a Mourning Dove, but soon his wife came on the phone, and she could not provide any size comparison.

They did not hear the bird, but they did hear another odd sounding dove (not the same bird). She could not recall the sound, but it was not owl-like or like the sound I imitated.

She confirmed that the bird was seen from May to November 1997 and again for 3 days starting 17 June 1998.

The dove had a V-shaped dark area on the underside of the tail with V pointing toward the body.

It flight, there was tan in the wing, but I could not tell the location of the tan.

Additional photos are all from the same angle and are no better than the one sent.

T. H. Kent