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Eurasian Collared-Dove  
18 Aug 1999  
Ankeny, Polk Co., IA  
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Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 70:38  
Records Committee: IBL 70:145

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, I hope observers will continue to document this species.  
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A-D, Full description and differential noted.

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DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species: Eurasian Collared-Dove

Number: 1

Location: Ankeny, Polk County, Iowa

Habitat: urban neighborhood

Date: 18 August 1999

Time: 11:04-11:10 a.m.

Observer: Stephen J. Dinsmore 612 ½ West Magnolia St. Fort Collins, CO 80521

Others who saw bird(s): none

Description of bird(s): I was traveling west from the south Ankeny exit off I-80 when a large, pale dove flew across the road in front of me and landed on a telephone wire. The bird was very pale and slightly larger than a nearby Mourning Dove. The head, breast, and belly were a pale gray color. The mantle and upperwings were slightly darker and more of a gray-brown color. The bill was black, short, and thin, very typical of the bill of a dove. The bird had a very distinct but narrow black collar. I was aware of possible confusion with Ringed Turtle-Dove, so I carefully studied the undertail coverts and looked for contrast in the primaries. The undertail coverts were dark gray and appeared to be bordered in black, contrasting with the pale belly and pale undersides of the rectrices. I also noted that the tail was broad with a more blunt-tipped appearance than the tail of a Mourning Dove. When perched, the folded primaries were clearly much darker than the remainder of the upperwing. This contrast was also evident when the bird flew. The legs and feet were pink. The bird did not vocalize.

Similar species and how eliminated: The pale coloration and black collar eliminate all doves except Eurasian Collared-Dove and Ringed Turtle-Dove. The combination of larger size, darker gray undertail coverts, and darker primaries eliminates Ringed Turtle-Dove from consideration.

Previous experience with species: I have seen a few Eurasian Collared-Doves in Iowa, Nebraska, and Colorado plus one in Montana.

Viewing conditions and equipment: Viewing conditions were good with overcast skies. Estimated viewing distance was 50-75m. I used 10x42 binoculars.

References consulted: none

How long before field notes written? none written

How long before this form completed? written 18 August 1999