

Ringed Turtle-Dove

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Des Moines, Polk Co., IA

Dean Mosman

Brown 1978

Record Number: 81-IP

Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Brown, W.H. 1978. That Ringed Turtle Dove again. IBL 43:143.

VOTE (1981): on record 1-III, 1-III?, 5-VI (on ID 3-III, 2-IV)

VI(III), but probably an escapee

VI(III), Willing to accept identification even though no description. No evidence that bird got to Iowa on its own.

III?, see below. Are 1 & 3 the same bird? Seems likely.

VI(IV), no description.

VI(IV), No details of bird. Because provenance unknown, cannot be supposed to come from established population elsewhere.

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That Ringed Turtle Dove again. -- One summer day in 1976 Dean Mosman, a licensed bander, received a call from a resident in the north-central part of Des Moines. The call referred to a strange bird which had been induced to enter a cage. Dean identified the bird as a Ringed Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia risoria*) and banded it with a F & WS band. On 15 July, 1977, Mrs. Helen Peasley called me to say that a Ringed Turtle Dove was in her yard (IBL XLVII: 112). The bird, or another of the same species, appeared in her yard on 14 September, and this time an aluminum band was noticed on the left leg. In the meantime, on 3 September I received a "what kind of bird is it?" call from R. H. Cunningham of Norwalk, a few miles south of Des Moines. From Mr. Cunningham's description this was a Ringed Turtle Dove. It had been feeding for some time on autumn olives in his yard and was quite tame. It could be approached to within a few feet and an aluminum band was plainly seen. A few days later Gene and Mrs. Armstrong saw the bird in the Cunningham yard and confirmed the identification. It has recently been learned from Dr. Dinsmore that Ringed Turtle Doves are being bred at ISU in connection with genetics studies, but it is thought improbable that the Polk Co. bird is an escapee from there. -- WOODWARD H. BROWN, 432 Tonawanda Dr., Des Moines, 50312.