

## Eurasian Collared-Dove 1

Unanimously Accepted 7-0

### Committee Member Comments:

CM1: Can see the black crescent present on back of neck along with overall darker appearance. Agree with the listing.

CM2: This is a known breeding location for this species. The photographs are sufficient enough to establish that this is certainly one of the Collared-Doves. Personally, I would wish for clearer photos showing the primaries and the undertail. As is, I wouldn't feel uncomfortable making any determination of the actual shading of the undertail from these photographs. The primaries are suggestive of Eurasian over African, but the lighting of the photographs makes this difficult to assess as well. The remainder of the plumage is also suggestive of Eurasian over African but this was not discussed in the report. This all adds up to a difficult record to assess. Given that this bird was seen at a known breeding site and also one that does not seem likely to hold an escaped African Collared-Dove, and the fact the photographic evidence and description suggest Eurasian Collared-Dove, I vote FOR this record with some trepidation. I think since this a site where one "expects" to see a Eurasian Collared-Dove, birders sometimes get a tad complacent in examining and documenting the species.

CM3: Great documentation of a known population of this species.

CM4: Birds known to be at this location. Multiple experienced observers. Photo documentation.

CM5: I vote to include the Monroe County sighting of the Eurasian Collared-Dove record for official state list. The report with supporting photographs provide the evidence to conclusively include in the record. Examining the outer three primaries color compared to inner was inconclusive to distinguish from African Collar-Dove. Dark outer web of tail base was present but difficult to see leading to EUCD. Also, African Collared-Dove has a very conspicuous eye ring which doesn't appear on this bird.

CM6: Seen by many over the years.

CM7: The bird in the photos is clearly a collared dove of either European or African varieties. The collar on the back of the neck and red eye are clearly visible and distinctive. The only question is whether or not the bird is part of the well-established European Collared Dove population in North America or an exotic African Collared Dove. Unfortunately, the undertail coverts are backlit and difficult to discern color or value, but they do appear to be relatively dark. The most likely scenario is also that is a European Collared Dove given the habitat and rapid spread of this species into agricultural areas across North America, especially in the south.