Eurasian Collared-Dove 2

Unanimously Accepted 7-0

Committee Member Comments:

CM1: Overall darker plumage and black collar good for Eurasian Collared Dove.

CM2: This species has been known to have a small breeding population in this area for several years. The photographs and discussion are sufficient to establish identification and eliminate potential confounders. A vote FOR this record is appropriate in my opinion.

CM3: Very thorough documentation of the species and elimination of any other potential species. From a known population.

CM4: Known location. Photo documentation. Multiple experienced observers.

CM5: I vote to include the Monroe County sighting of the Eurasian Collared-Dove record for official state list. The report, with supporting photograph, provides the evidence to conclusively include in the record. Dark outer web of tail base was present but difficult to see leading to EUCD. I agree with the observer's report of this difference is most pronounced on the primaries which are lighter in African and do not show as much contrast with the mantle or rest of the wing as in its Eurasian counterpart. The undertail of an African is also appreciably light, approaching white, in coloration, and lighter than the belly, whereas in Eurasian, the undertail was more gray and darker than the belly.

CM6: Seen by many over the years.

CM7: I am willing to accept this record based on the description and the fact that the species is breeding in the area. However, I wasn't clear on some documentation. The photo provided by Derek is of a Eurasian Collared Dove but there was no mention of the location or timing of this photo. Is this a photo of the original bird seen at this location or just a generic photo provided by the viewer? I would like to clarify the origin of the photo for the record before it is put into the permanent file. Otherwise, I accept the viewer's description of a Eurasian Collared Dove and the fact that a breeding population is now established there eliminates the African Collared Dove as an option... at least for now.