

Eurasian collared dove

Streptopelia decaocto

Description

Introduced to the United States via dispersal of young individuals over long distances.

Identification

Mostly gray with white upper body, black collar on the back of its neck, slender black bill, deep red iris of the eye; broad, squared tail with black base and dark red legs and feet.

Habitat

Native to Asia, Europe and Northern Africa. Found on farmlands, open country, and wood edges in suburban and urban areas. They appear to thrive in areas with a combination of open ground and trees.

Reproduction



Impact

Populations spread rapidly and compete with native species. Eurasian Collared Doves are considered a pest in agricultural areas, especially in areas that grow grains. This species can carry West Nile Virus.

Similar

Mourning dove, which is smaller in overall size, no black collar, blue ring around eyes, black spots on back, pointed tail.

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hunting can be effective in managing their population.

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