

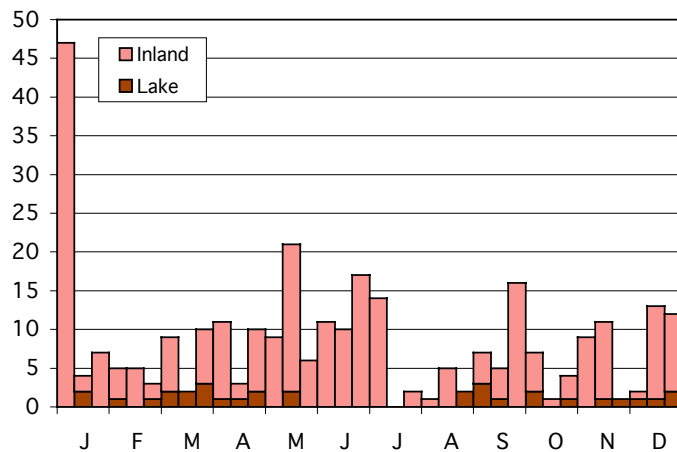
Eurasian Collared-Dove

Streptopelia decaocto

Historical Information

First Published Record: During summer 1999, Doug Gerbracht discovered Indiana's first accepted record of this Eurasian species in the small Newton County town of Brook. The first published report of this bird occurred 30 June 1999 (Jackson 2001) and Gorney and Hedge (2001) provide a more detailed account of this occurrence.

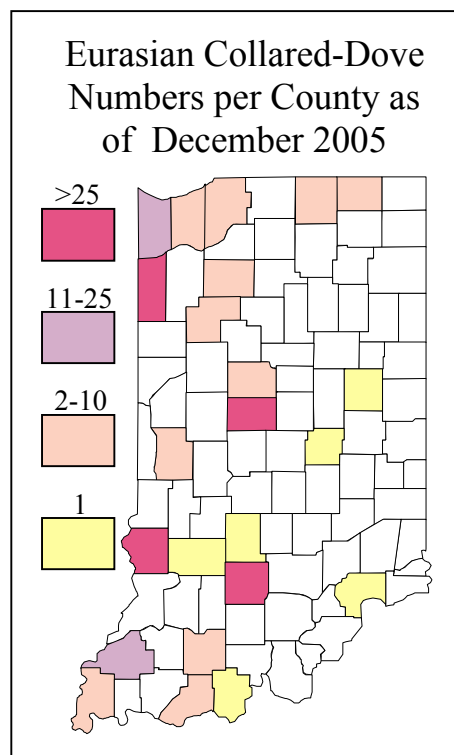
The Eurasian Collared-Dove was not mentioned by previous authors.



Status

Physical Evidence: There are no known specimens, but a photograph is on file with the Indiana Bird Records Committee (Bruner 2000) and published images are contained in Gorney and Hedge (2001).

STATUS TABLE				
Specimens				
Museum				No.
No known specimens				0
20-Year Abundance Table				
	Win	Spr	Sum	Fall
Northern Tier	7	7	9	7
Central Tier	9	9	9	7
Southern Tier	7	7	7	9
Entire State	7	7	7	7



Current Status

Overall, the Eurasian Collared-Dove is a locally Rare (7) permanent resident, but it is relatively easily found at established breeding locations.

Occurrence

This invading dove has rapidly expanded across the state. Gorney and Hedge (2001) discuss early sightings in the state, including a rejected Indianapolis report that preceded the Brook bird. These authors also noted anecdotal information suggesting that birds in the Boone County population were present perhaps as early as 1998.

Breeding

Richard Melton reported (via a 16 April 2001 phone message to R.L. Hedge) an adult carrying nesting material in Francisco, Gibson County. On 24 March 2002 Melton also reported a nest in a maple tree (R.L. Hedge, pers. comm.). On 10 April 2002 R.L. Hedge discovered a

Collared-Dove nest in Lebanon and Ron Weiss found a single egg in the nest on 13 April 2002.

This nest failed; it was collected and sent to the Joseph Moore Museum at Earlham College. A second effort proved more successful and on 7 May 2002 it was determined to contain two eggs (R.L. Hedge pers. comm.). Subsequently, J.S. Castrale found a nest, with fledglings, in Mitchell (Lawrence County) 28 June 2003 (IN-BIRD).

Eurasian Collared-Dove Data				
Maximum Single Party Counts				
Entire Year				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
13	02-Jan-2006	Newton Co	S.R. Bagby	INB
12	05-Jan-2002	Sullivan Co	M.R. Brown	INB
11	01-Jan-2004	Newton Co	J.K. Cassady	KJB
10	26-Dec-2003	Sullivan Co	S.F. Jackson	IAQ
7	02-Mar-2002	Gibson Co	J.J. McCoy	INB
Counts of three have been recorded five times.				

References Cited

Bruner, A. W. (2000) Report of the Indiana Bird Records Committee—1997 & 1999, *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*, 78:27-37.

Gorney, D. and R.L. Hedge (2001) Eurasian Collared-Dove: Indiana's First Sightings, *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*, 79:1-5.

IN-BIRD, a Listserve dealing with Indiana birds developed and maintained by P.W. Kelly. The records are archived at: <http://listserv.indiana.edu/archives/in-bird-1.html>

Jackson, B.K. (2001) Field Notes Summer 1999, *Indiana Audubon Quarterly*, 79:32-41.