

262 Eurasian Collared Dove

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Collared Dove. Adult. Male (02-V).



Turtle Dove



EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE (*Streptopelia decaocto*)

IDENTIFICATION

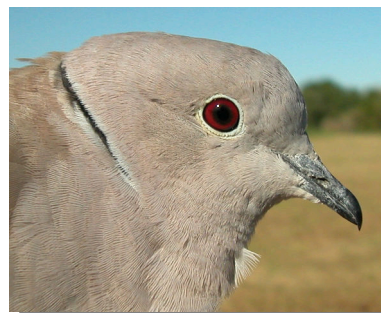
26-29 cm. Pale buff grey upperparts; grey pinkish breast, grey bluish vent; pale wings with white tips and edges; grey tail, with white edges and tips; grey head; neck with a black collar edged white; black bill and reddish legs.

SEXING

Male with grey pinkish crown and nape; white tips (if any) on black feathers in collar. **Female** with grey brown crown and nape; drab grey tips (if any) on black feathers in collar. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed using plumage pattern. **CAUTION:** many birds cannot be sexed using plumage characteristics due to overlap and subjective judgement of colours.



Collared Dove. Pattern of head and upperparts.



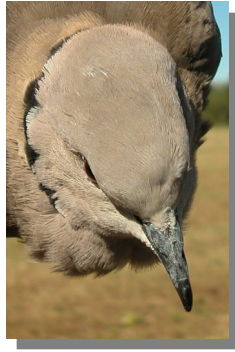
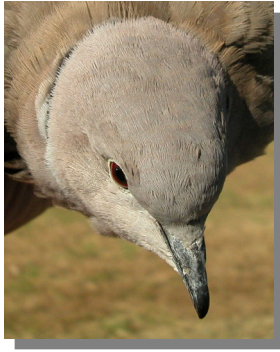
Collared Dove. Sexing. Pattern of head: top male; bottom female.

SIMILAR SPECIES

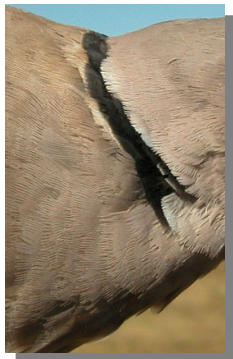
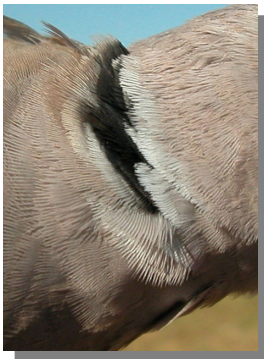
Similar in size to **Turtle Dove**, which has different collar pattern and wing coverts with orange fringes.

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Collared Dove. Sexing. Pattern of crown: left male; right female.



Collared Dove. Sexing. Pattern of collar: left male; right female.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with upperparts and wing coverts with pale cream fringes; without black collar or badly defined; grey or pinkish legs; brown iris.

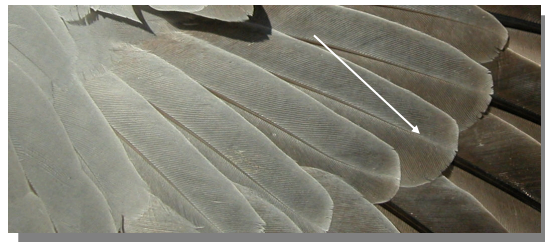
1st/2nd year similar to **adults**; recognizable only some birds with retained **juvenile** flight feathers.

Adult with upperparts and wing coverts without pale cream fringes; well defined black collar; reddish legs; ruby red iris.

CAUTION: birds hatched in **autumn** complete their moult in the beginning of their **2nd year**, being then similar to **adults**.



Collared Dove. Ageing. Pattern of collar: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Collared Dove. Ageing. Pattern of tips of primary coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Collared Dove. Ageing. Colour of legs: left adult; right juvenile.

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Collared Dove. Ageing. Pattern of secondaries: top adult; middle 2nd year; bottom juvenile.



STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident, breeds in the Region only since recent decades around farmyards, gardens and parks near towns and villages.



Collared Dove. Female (02-V).



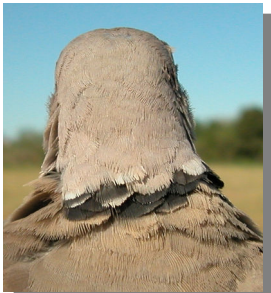
Collared Dove. Juvenile (02-V).

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults. **Adults** moult between March and October. In **juveniles**, timing highly variable depending on time of hatching (may be in winter), so it is possible to find moulting birds through all the year. Some birds, after their **postjuvenile** moult, retain a variable number of **juvenile** flight feathers till their first **postbreeding** moult.

PHENOLOGY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII



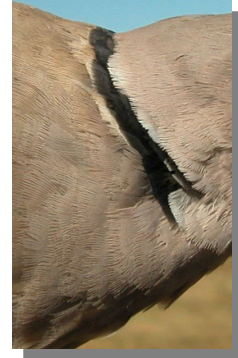
Collared Dove. Nape pattern: top left adult male (02-V); top right adult female (02-V); left juvenile (02-V).

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Collared Dove. Head pattern and iris colour: top adult male (02-V); middle adult female (02-V); bottom juvenile (02-V).



Collared Dove. Collar pattern: top left adult male (02-V); top right adult female (02-V); left juvenile (02-V).



Collared Dove. Legs colour: left adult (02-V); right juvenile (02-V).



Collared Dove. Crown pattern: top left adult male (02-V); top right adult female (02-V); left juvenile (02-V).



Collared Dove. Breast pattern: top left adult male (02-V); top right adult female (02-V); left juvenile (02-V).

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Collared Dove. Upperparts pattern: left adult male (02-I); right juvenile (02-V).



Collared Dove. Juvenile: pattern of lesser coverts (02-V).



Collared Dove. Adult. Male: pattern of primary coverts (02-V)



Collared Dove. Adult. Male: pattern of lesser coverts (02-V).



Collared Dove. Adult. Female: pattern of lesser coverts (02-V).



Collared Dove. Adult. Female: pattern of primary coverts (02-V).

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Collared Dove. Juvenile: pattern of primary coverts (02-V).



Collared Dove. 2nd year: pattern of primaries (01-II).



Collared Dove. Adult. Male: pattern of primaries (02-V).



Collared Dove. Juvenile: pattern of primaries (02-V).



Collared Dove. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (02-V).



Collared Dove. Adult. Male: pattern of secondaries (02-V).

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Collared Dove. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (02-V).



Collared Dove. Juvenile: pattern of secondaries (02-V).



Collared Dove. 2nd year: pattern of secondaries (1 juvenile feathers) (01-II).



Collared Dove. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (02-V).



Collared Dove. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (02-V).

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Collared Dove. 2nd year: pattern of wing (01-II).



Collared Dove. Juvenile: pattern of wing (02-V).