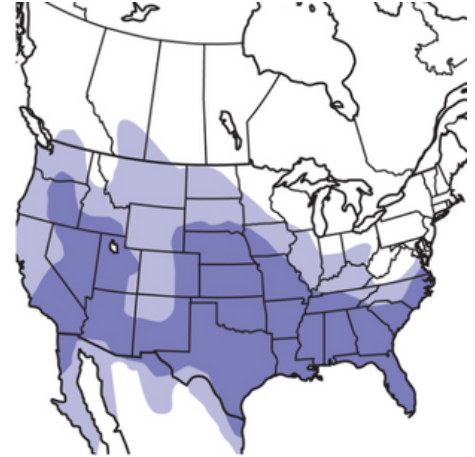


# EURASIAN



# COLLARED-DOVE



- All Seasons - Common
- All Seasons - Uncommon
- Breeding - Common
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- Winter - Common
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- Migration - Common
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(Map Source: [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org))

## FAMILY & NAME

Pigeons & Doves  
Eurasian  
Collared-Dove  
*Streptopelia decaocto*

## HABITAT

Look for NA populations in urban, suburban, farmland or places where grain is available. They enjoy a combination of trees and open ground. Many can be seen together in groups during the cooler months.

## NESTING

Nest in tree, shrub or manmade structure with flimsy platform of sticks and twigs that the male gathers and the female builds. Both will incubate 1-2 glossy, white eggs and feed "pigeon milk" to the young once they have hatched.

## FOOD

Mostly seeds, and some berries and insects.



## FACTS

This non-native species arrived via the Bahamas, where several birds escaped from a pet shop during a burglary in the 1970s. The shop owner released the rest - about 50 doves. Others were set free on the island of Guadeloupe when a volcano threatened eruption.

The species name *Decaocto* comes from Greek mythology: a servant girl transformed into a dove by the gods to escape her unhappy life. The dove's mournful cry recalls her former life.

One of the few species to drink by submerging their bills, sucking water as though by straw. Most birds must scoop water and tip the head back.

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