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BARBARY DOVE

Family Columbidae

Species *Streptopelia roseogrisea*

Common name Barbary Dove

Status Introduced

Abundance Common in selected areas

Size 280 mm (cf sparrow 145 mm, Homing Pigeon 330 mm)

Habitat A bird of gardens and parkland where tall trees are plentiful.

Worldwide range Introduced by pigeon fanciers, this bird originates from Asia. It is closely related to the Ring-necked Doves of Africa (*S. decipens* and *S. capicola*) and to the Collared Dove of Europe and Asia, (*S. decaocta*). Feral populations in New Zealand are spreading in several locations.

New Zealand range Isolated populations occur in Kerikeri, Whangarei, Orewa, Mangere, Clevedon, Whakatane and Havelock North.

Description

Upperparts and underparts Creamy buff with brown wing edges. **Neck** Black collar across the back of the neck. **Tail** Fawn with white tips to outer tail feathers.

Conspicuous features

- Black neck collar separates it from the Spotted Dove.
- Cream upperparts separate it from the grey of Spotted Dove.

Call Is a soft “kru ku”. Don’t mix with the Morepork. It is also different from the tri-syllabic call of the Spotted Dove.

Nest A twiggy, flimsy structure built at about four metres from the ground. 2 white eggs are laid.

Where to find – North Island

Northland – Kerikeri near the “Stone Store” and Aroha Island. P. 282.

North Auckland – Common in Orewa. P. 292.

Auckland – Puketutu Island, Mangere. P. 298.

South Auckland – Clevedon to Kawakawa Bay. P. 302.

Rotorua – Rainbow Springs north of Rotorua town on Highway 5. P. 324.

Hawkes Bay – Napier **Gardens**, and Havelock North in the Holiday Park area. P. 331.