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.


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