

Invasive Species Alert

Eurasian Collared Dove

(*Streptopelia decaocto*)

Detected in Michigan

Identification:

- Mostly gray with white upper body
- Black collar on the back of its neck
- Slender black bill
- Deep red iris of the eye
- Broad, squared tail with black base
- Dark red legs and feet



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Habitat: Collared doves live on farmlands, open country, and wood edges in suburban and urban areas. They appear to thrive in areas with a combination of open ground and trees.



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Native Range: Asia, Europe, and Northern Africa

U.S. Distribution: Established in much of the United States except the northeastern states

Local Concern: Populations spread rapidly and compete with native species. Eurasian Collared Doves are considered a pest in agricultural areas, especially in areas that grow grains. This species can

carry West Nile Virus.

Native look-alikes and how you can tell them apart from the Eurasian Collared Dove:

- ✓ **Mourning Dove:** Smaller in overall size, no black collar, blue ring around eyes, black spots on back, pointed tail

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