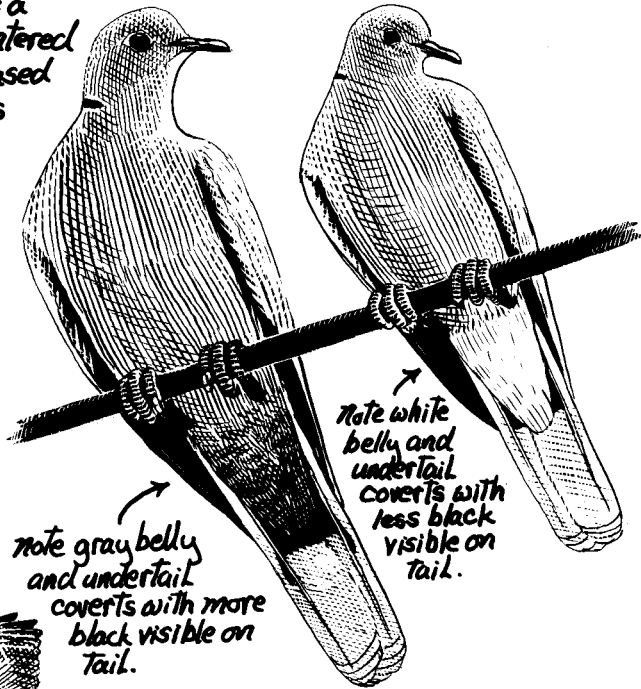


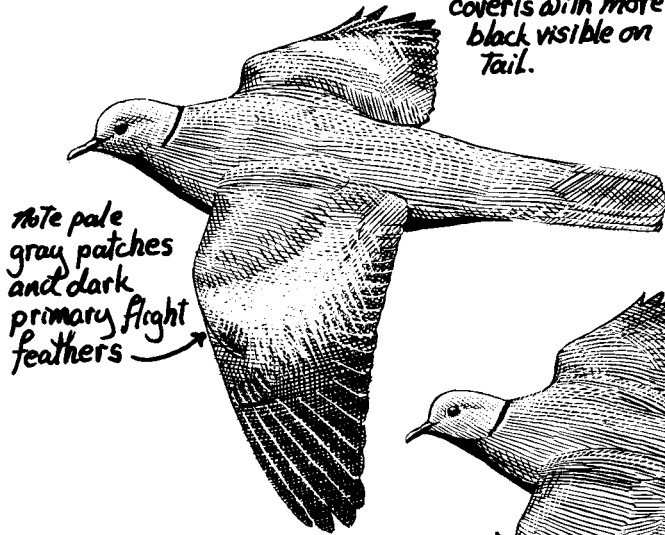
The recently introduced and rapidly increasing Eurasian Collared Dove will most likely be confused with the very similar Ringed Turtle Dove which is a popular cagebird often encountered in the wild as an escaped or released bird. Their respective songs are quite different: the Collared Dove's song is a coarse rapidly delivered three-part cooing which contrasts with the hollow rolling two-part cooing of the Ringed Turtle Dove.

In addition to their vocal differences, a few external traits are illustrated here that will aid in distinguishing between these two doves.



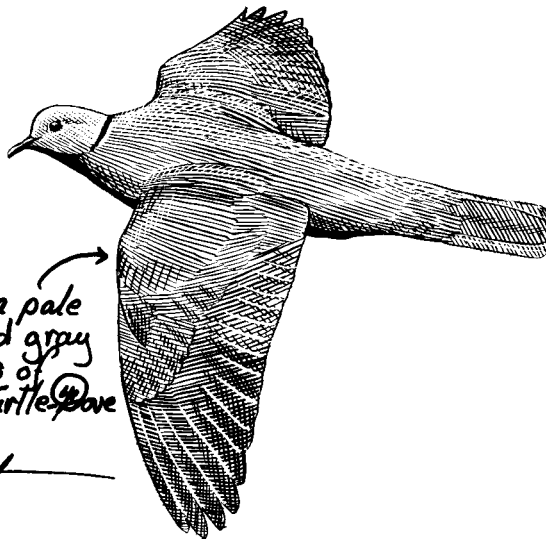
note gray belly and undertail coverts with more black visible on tail.

note white belly and undertail coverts with less black visible on tail.



note pale gray patches and dark primary flight feathers

The Eurasian Collared Dove is distinctly larger than the Ringed Turtle Dove.



note plain pale brown and gray upperparts of Ringed Turtle Dove

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