

First Nesting record of Ringed Turtle-Dove in South Carolina

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On 28 March 1987, Robert Eggleston and I located a nesting pair of Ringed Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia 'risoria'*) in his yard, in the Shandon section of Columbia, Richland County, South Carolina. The nest was about 5 m above ground in a tangle of honeysuckle (*Lonicera sp.*) that was supported by a small tree. One bird was on the nest, while the other was in close attendance.

On 30 March, Kay Sisson, Jack and Lu Stewart and I again watched the nesting bird, and J. Stewart was able to obtain photographs (ChM Nos. 1988.10.1 and 1988.10.2).

Robert Eggleston continued to see the birds, and they continued incubating until about 11 April, when he found the nest destroyed. He found one broken egg (ChM No. 1988.10.3) under the nest.

The birds stayed in the area until at least the end of May, but we were unable to determine if they re-nested.

This appears to be the first documented nesting of this species in South Carolina.

(Ed. note: The scientific name *Streptopelia 'risoria'* (with the apostrophes) refers to what is basically the domesticated form of the wild African Collared Dove (*Streptopelia roseogrisea*). This is not to be confused with the Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) that has invaded southern Florida and appears to be spreading westward into Louisiana. Interested readers are encouraged to study the article by P. William Smith in the Winter, 1987 issue of *American Birds*. —HTH)