

Falconry and Dog Training: Eurasian Collared Doves

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Eurasian Collared Doves

Invasive Species:

- Larger, lighter colored than mourning dove
- Distinctive neck band



Eurasian Collared Doves

Invasive Species:

- 1970's: Introduced to the Bahamas
- 1980's: Florida
- Now found throughout lower 48
 - Parts of Canada and Alaska
- Impacts largely unknown
- Washington occurrence: urban/suburban focused

Eurasian Collared Doves

Classified as a predatory bird in 2008:

- Competition concern
- Allowed year round hunting

Continued expansion:

- A few complaints, concerns
- Interest from dog trainers
- Similar situation with rock doves



Proposal

Allow the use of Eurasian collared dove for falconry and dog training including:

- Capture
- Possession
- Release

Not anticipated to cause further expansion or population growth.

Questions?

