

California Wildlife Habitat Relationships System
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Interagency Wildlife Task Group

RINGED TURTLE-DOVE

Streptopelia risoria

Family: COLUMBIDAE
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Order: COLUMBIFORMES

Class: AVES

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DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE, AND SEASONALITY

A rare and very local resident in southern California. An introduced species that has established a few small populations in urban habitat, mainly in parks in Los Angeles, but also near other cities, and in other parks along the southern coast (Garrett and Dunn 1981). Escaped pets sometimes seen in cities throughout state.

SPECIFIC HABITAT REQUIREMENTS

Feeding: Feeds on seeds and grains. Searches for food on ground.

Cover: Urban areas and parks with trees.

Reproduction: Nest is a loose stick platform on a branch in a tree (Peterson 1961, Harrison 1979), or on buildings or other human-made structures (Goodwin 1977).

Water: No data found. Probably drinks freely, as do other doves and pigeons.

Pattern: Roosts and nests in trees. Feeds on ground in open and sparsely wooded parks, and on ground in and near streets, sidewalks, and yards in urban areas.

SPECIES LIFE HISTORY

Activity Patterns: Yearlong, diurnal activity.

Seasonal Movements/Migration: Local resident in southern California. Escaped pets sometimes seen in cities throughout the state.

Home Range: No data found.

Territory: No data found.

Reproduction: No information found on nesting period. May breed year-round. Pair apparently nests solitarily. Lays 2 eggs, incubates 14 days, and young fledge in 15-17 days. Chicks altricial and are cared for by both parents (Harrison 1978); fed pigeon milk initially.

Niche: Preyed upon by domestic cats and other small mammals. Adults sometimes taken by hawks.

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