

Mourning Dove Banding Project 2007  
Hatch Year (HY), After Hatch Year (AHY), Molt and Gender Identification Key

1a. One or more buffy colored tips on Primary Coverts,  
then = Hatch Year (HY), sex Unknown (U).

Assign primary molt 0 through 8, or Unknown (U).

b. No buffy colored tips on Primary Coverts; *go to 2.*

2a. Primary molt 9 or 10

then = age & sex Unknown (U)

b. Primary molt 0 through 8,

then = age After Hatch Year (AHY); *go to 3.*

3a. Crown and nape blue-gray, throat and breast pinkish-rose,  
then = sex Male (M).

b. Crown and nape, and throat and breast are brown gray,  
then = sex Female (F).

**DO NOT GUESS, WHEN IN DOUBT = UNKNOWN (U)**