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**Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis tigrina* (Temminck 1810)  
1920 Mount Eden, Auckland

Spotted Doves apparently originated from a substantial "liberation" at Mount Eden in the 1920s, so their numbers have not increased greatly since that time. A record from Mount Albert crater on 8/4/1950 by R. V. Roberts is possibly the first published indication of this species being established in New Zealand. It was recorded in 94 squares (3%). Cheke (2005) recommended that the Spotted Dove should be placed in a new genus, as it is in a different clade from the other *Streptopelia*, which it is usually placed in.

