

Turtle Dove

Streptopelia turtur



SEASONAL BEHAVIOUR

Early April to late September.

DISTRIBUTION

Spread throughout the whole Sierra Morena.

COMMENTS

Usually flocks together post breeding, sometimes forming roosts in riverside thickets.

THREATS

A declining species locally and in the whole of Europe, particularly affected by more intensive farming practices (use of herbicides, rooting out of hedgerows and riverside thickets, etc). The Turtle Dove is probably the only bird seriously harmed by hunting today in Sierra Morena. The highsummer hunting period known as " *media veda*" is fatal for late breeders and second clutches, and birds are often also shot down at bated feeding stations.

THREAT CATEGORY

CNEA	CAEA	LRAE	LRVA
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WHERE TO SEE IT

HUELVA	SEVILLA	CÓRDOBA	JAÉN
H-1	SE-1	CO-1	J-1
H-2	SE-2	CO-2	J-2
H-3	SE-3	CO-3	J-3
H-4	SE-4	CO-4	J-4
H-5	SE-5	CO-5	J-5
H-6	SE-6	CO-6	J-6
H-7	SE-7	CO-7	J-7
H-8	SE-8	CO-8	J-8
H-9	SE-9	CO-9	J-9
H-10	SE-10	CO-10	J-10
H-11	SE-11	CO-11	J-11
H-12	SE-12	CO-12	J-12
H-13	SE-13	CO-13	J-13
H-14	SE-14	CO-14	J-14
H-15	SE-15	CO-15	J-15
H-16			
H-17			

STATUS

Summer visitor and migrant.

ABUNDANCE

Common.

HABITAT

Fond of sun-drenched areas like low-level valleys, rivers fringed by Oleander and Tamujo, *campiña* hedgerows and thickets, etc, without totally eschewing leafier, denser woods.