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## Common ground dove      *Columbina passerina*

This tiny dove resides and breeds from southern California east to South Carolina and south through Mexico, the Antilles, Central America to Costa Rica, and south to Ecuador and Brazil (Stevenson and Anderson 1994).

**Habitat.** Ground-Doves inhabit cultivated and abandoned fields, gardens, citrus groves, open pine woods, scrub oaks, and quiet streets in towns. They forage on the small seeds of weeds and grasses and will frequent bird feeding stations. Nests are placed on the ground or in a shrub or tree, usually within 1.8 m (6 ft) of the ground. Two white eggs are incubated for 12 to 14 days, and the young fledge at 14 to 16 days of age.

**Seasonal Occurrence.** Common Ground-Doves have been found nesting in almost every month, and up to 4 broods are raised per season (Howell 1932). This species is relatively sedentary in Florida (Stevenson and Anderson 1994).

**Status.** The Common Ground-Dove occurs statewide, including the Keys, from disturbed sites to the most remote sandy roads. It is less common in the Panhandle and north Florida (Stevenson and Anderson 1994), and this is reflected by the Atlas map. It is so widespread in distribution that most of the gaps on the map, except in southwest Florida, probably represent missed birds rather than true absences.

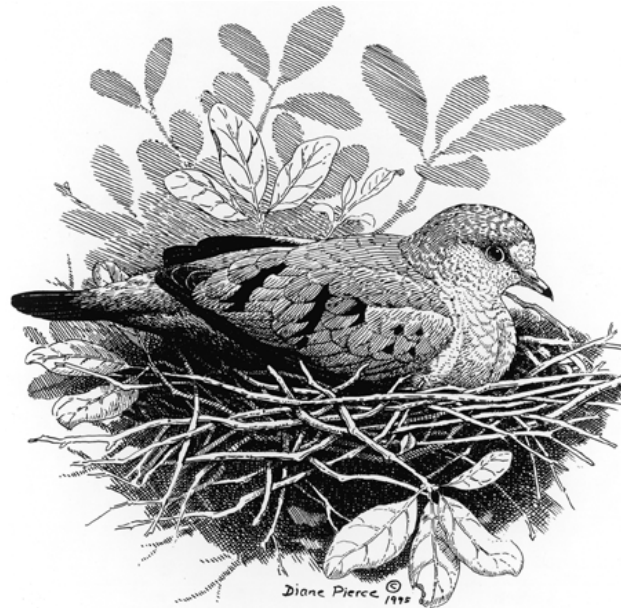


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