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Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

The Ring-necked Pheasant is a native of Asia and was introduced widely in North America in the late 1800s and early 1900s (AOU 1983). Johnsgard (1975b) presents a map of the current North American distribution of this species, whose southern boundary is an irregular line extending from New Jersey to Kansas. It does not breed any of the southeastern states, although this fact was not learned until after many attempts to introduce the birds had failed.

Florida pheasants are all escapees or birds purposely released from private hunt clubs. No evidence of successful breeding in the wild in Florida has ever been reported, and it is unlikely that the birds reported as "possible" or "probable" on the Atlas map were breeding.

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