



AFRICAN RING NECK DOVE

(*STREPTOPELIA CAPICOLA*)

ANIMAL FACTS

WILD LOCALITY:

East & Southern Africa

HABITAT:

Forested Areas, Savannas, & Woodlands

LIFESTYLE:

Arboreal, but will come down to the ground to feed (tree-dwelling, occasionally terrestrial)

DIET:

Seeds & other vegetation (herbivore)

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

~ 12-15 years in the care of humans (less in the wild)

ADULT SIZE:

~ 140-215g

ACTIVITY:

Diurnal (active during the day)

CONSERVATION STATUS:

Least Concern

THREATS:

Habitat Loss, & Feral Species

FUN FACTS:

African Ring Neck Doves, also known as African Collared Doves, like most doves and pigeons, are generally monogamous, as well as co-parenting birds. This means that both male and female parents sit on eggs and raise their young equally. Mother and father doves also feed their babies with use of a type of sustenance known as “crop milk” until they are weaned. Mother will lay two eggs per clutch, and young doves grow very quickly. They can even breed as early as five months old! Additionally, this species is very prolific, and breeds year-round as long as resources are available.