

MO (Moderate) *Spilopelia chinensis*

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Eicat category	MO (Moderate)
Justification for EICAT assessment	The Eastern Spotted Dove largely displaced the native Bar-shouldered Dove (<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>), where the two species occur sympatrically in Australia. There is no evidence that competition with the Eastern Spotted Dove has caused a local extinction of the Bar-shouldered Dove (Lever, 2005).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Competition
Countries of most severe impact	Australia
Description of impact	The Eastern Spotted Dove competes with native species, which has caused the displacement of the Bar-shouldered Dove in Australia. It is also a vector of avian malaria in Hawaii.
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