



This Bird was named Mourning Dove because of its sad call: Oooah, coo, coo, coo. It is a quiet, gentle, and very common bird. The Mourning Dove lives in wooded places in the East, in the open prairies of the Midwest, and in the mountain regions of the West. It nests in every state. In the fall, Mourning Doves form flocks and fly south. They spend the winter in the southern half of the United States. Mourning Doves eat grains and weed seeds.

The Mourning Dove nests in pines. The crude nest is of stems, straws, leaves, and moss. The female lays only two eggs at a time, but it usually raises two broods a year in the North and three in the South. Doves feed their young a milky food formed in their crops.