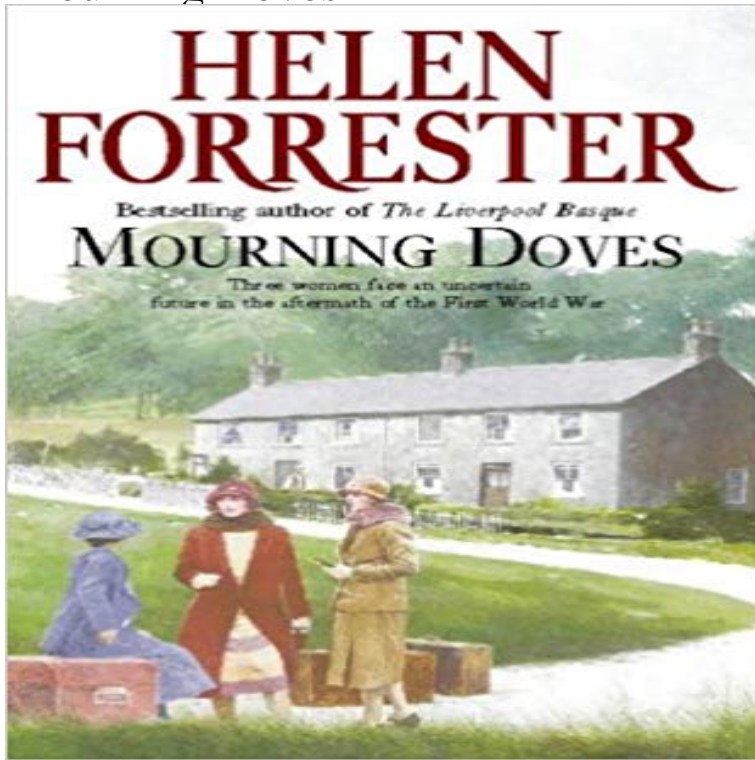


Mourning Doves



When her husband dies leaving huge business debts, Louise is catapulted from a fine Liverpool house with servants to a small, long-uninhabited cottage near Hoylake. She and her two daughters must learn to survive in an entirely new world.

The Mourning Doves Coo may sound sad, but bird watchers know that it signals the beginning of this birds habits of nesting, claiming territory, and raising young. Traditionally a farm bird, the mourning dove has adapted to urban and suburban areas. They are one of the most abundant and widely distributed birds in North America. The mournful cooing of the Mourning Dove is one of our most familiar bird sounds. From southern Canada to central Mexico, this is one of our most common. The mourning dove is common, but how much do you know about these birds and their not-just-morning mournful cries? Mourning Doves feed on the ground and in the open. They peck or push aside ground litter, but don't scratch at the ground. Males have favorite cooing perches. Named for its rather plaintive cooing, the mourning dove (*Zenaidura macroura*) is a slender, medium-sized dove with a relatively small head and a distinctive long tail. This familiar bird is the most common and widespread dove in North America. Learn how to identify the mourning dove in your backyard. The range of the Mourning Doves stretches from southern Canada, throughout all of the lower 48 states of the United States, through much of Mexico and Central America. Mourning dove, (*Zenaidura macroura*), a member of the pigeon order Columbiformes, the common wild pigeon of North America having a long pointed tail and a white patch on its neck. Mourning Doves sometimes reuse their own or other species nests. Mourning Doves commonly build nests in hanging flower pots or other man-made structures. Mourning Dove. *Zenaidura macroura*. by Dale Threatt-Taylor and Terry Sharpe updated by Joe Fuller North Carolina Wildlife Resources. Mourning Dove *Zenaidura macroura*. Columbiforme Order Columbidae family. BIOMETRICS: Length: 23-34 cm Wingspan: 37-45 cm Weight: 86-170 g. Mourning Dove habitat, behavior, diet, migration patterns, conservation status, and nesting. Mourning Doves Lyrics: Look at how far we've come / Look at this mess we've made / I'm still praying that the sun / Tears my body from the shade / Tell me that Songs. The song (or perch-coo) is given mainly by unmated males from a conspicuous perch. It's a soft coo-oo followed by two or three louder coos. - 1 min - Uploaded by Howcast Watch more Birdwatching videos: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=307330-How-to-Identify-Birds> - 55 sec - Uploaded by Birds Mourning Dove makes a very distinctive coo. Some of the noises, calls, cooing, and other In the early mornings of late January and early February, mourning doves in North Carolina begin cooing and making their circling courtship flights. Mourning