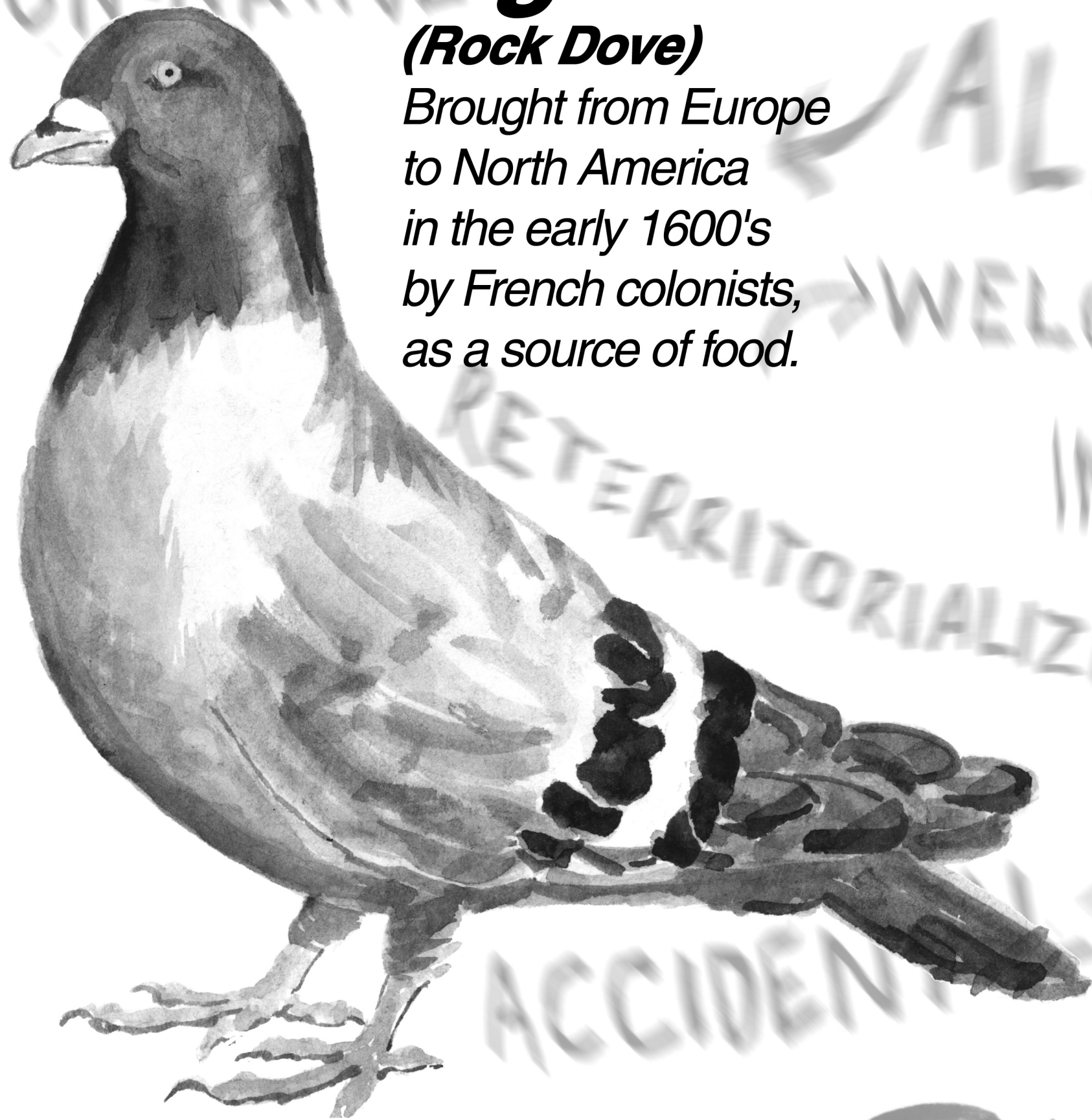


AVIAN INVADERS --- THE MOST ABUNDANT BIRDS IN HUMBOLDT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ---- SUMMER 2003 ☆

Pigeon

(Rock Dove)

Brought from Europe to North America in the early 1600's by French colonists, as a source of food.



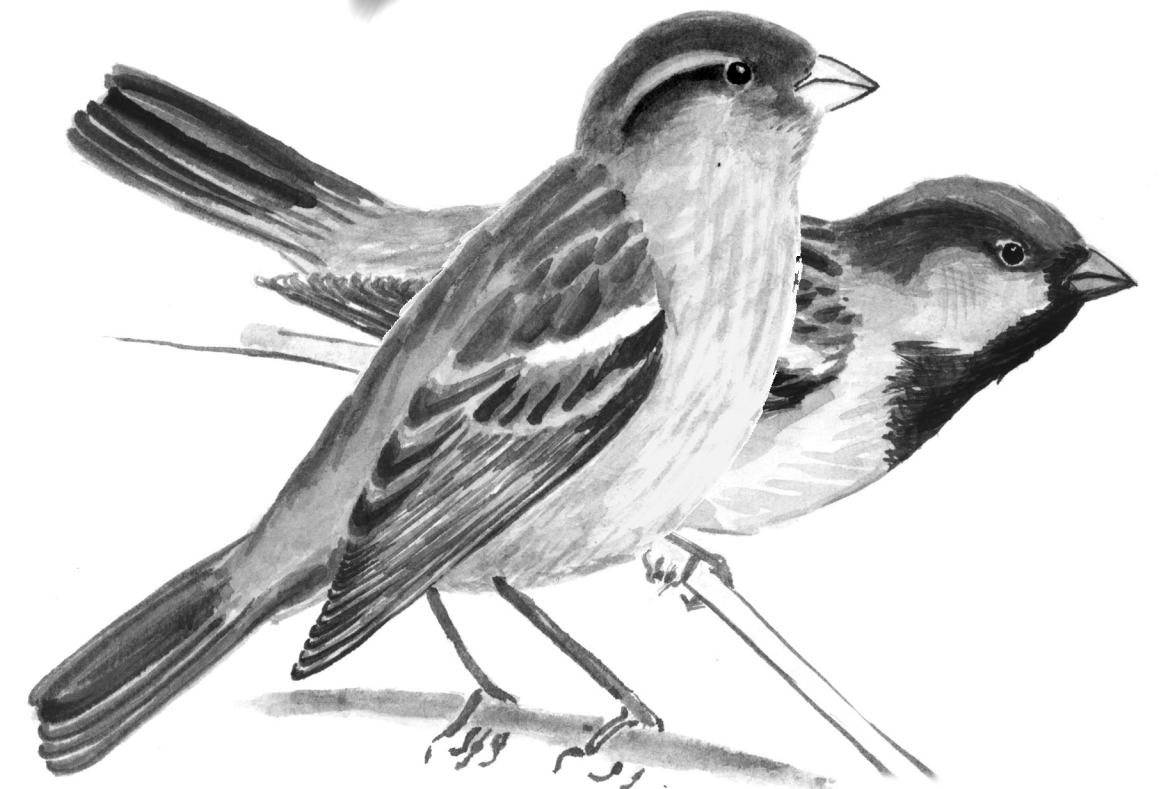
Common Starling

Brought from Europe to North America by a wealthy German immigrant, Eugene Schieffelin in the late 1800's, apparently because it is mentioned in Shakespeare's play Henry IV, part 1.



House Sparrow

Also brought from Europe in the 1800's, with the hope that it would reduce agricultural pests.



...when nontransgenic species alien to a given ecosystem are introduced, the results are very difficult to predict. For the most part, these introductions have been neutral or positive, there have been a modest number of negative outcomes."

-Critical Art Ensemble

Some Sources:

Tinkering with Eden: A Natural History of Exotic Species in America - book by Kim Todd, available at the library

Peterson Field Guides: Eastern Birds - book for identifying birds in Eastern North America (Humboldt Park), full of great illustrations, by Roger Tory Peterson, available in the library

The Birder's Handbook: A Field Guide to the Natural History of North American Birds - book full of tons of great, short essays about the birds of North America, written by Paul R. Ehrlich, David S. Dobkin, and Darryl Wheye, also available in the library

The Molecular Invasion - book by an artist group called Critical Art Ensemble about understanding and dealing with biotechnology, download it for free at their webpage (www.critical-art.net) or find it at book stores like Quimby's in Wicker Park or the Seminary Co-op in Hyde Park

Other species observed in the neighborhood and park - Spring and early Summer, 2003

Ring-billed Gull, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, American Coot, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown Creeper, Common Flicker, Killdeer, Barn Swallow, American Robin, Common Grackle, Morning Dove, White-throated Sparrow, American Kestrel, Willet, Brown Thrasher, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Tree Swallow, Pied-billed Grebe, Rufous-sided Towhee, Yellow Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow, Baltimore Oriole, Eastern Kingbird, American Redstart, Monk Parakeet*, Northern Cardinal, American Goldfinch, Chimney Swift, Common Yellow Throat, Rose-breasted Grosbeak *non-native