

APPENDIX II

DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDS

Species: White-Winged Dove ; Zenaida asiatica
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): Sept. 17, 1979 Time Bird Seen: 11:00 A.M. to 11:02 A.M.
Locality: 1 1/4 mile west of Timpas, Otero County, Colo.

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: none

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: —

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: — Plumage: —

Light conditions: Good

Distance from bird, and how measured: 20 feet (visual estimate)

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Flushed out of ditch lined with sunflowers, by slowly moving vehicle. Was with several mourning doves.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Borrow ditch in shortgrass prairie area.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

None

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Size - slightly larger than M. Dove, shape similar to M. Dove
Plumage - slate grey with white patches in the coverts,

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

No sound made

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

M. Dove - no white wing patches

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Have hunted white-winged Doves on 2 Trips to Old Mexico (Tip of Baja)

This report was written from notes made during _____ after _____ observation; from memory X.

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