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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.

Date: 6/30/81 Time Bird Seen: 9:21 a.m. to 9:22 a.m. 30 sec.

Locality: Between 50th and 51st ave. on Garrison St. Arvada, CO 80002

Arvada Jefferson County Colo.

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: No optical equipment

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: No Photographic equip.

Number of birds seen: one Sex: ? Plumage: ?

Light conditions: Full sun

Distance from bird, and how measured: fifteen feet- Estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior: Bird was in flight, NW to NE. Flight was direct, erratic and elusive.. Seen only in flight.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Open field with a few Elms and Cottonwoods, otherwise Yucca and cactus were present. Shortgrass grazed field (field appr. 8-10 acres big. Irrigation ditch running through.

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

No other observers.

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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.

First thing noticed was large white patches on wings and short rounded tail. White was seen on tail corners. Overall shape was same as morning dove although overall color was darker. Because of short length of time seen, nothing else was seen.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.: None heard

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Morning dove- eliminated because there were Morning doves in same area with which to compare. Very large white wing patches and short tail eliminated Morning dove.

Rock dove-eliminated because of slenderness and swift flight of bird. There were also other rock doves in area for comparison.

Morn. dove - DEFINITE WHITE PATCHES ON WINGS.
Prior experience with this and similar species:

Have birded several times in Arizona where White-winged doves are common

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

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