

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: White-winged Dove / Zenaida asiatica  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): June 14, 15, 16, 23, 1993; August 04, 05 1993Number of birds seen: 1 Sex:        Plumage: ADULTLatilong: 28 Distribution Code:        Habitat Code: RESIDENTIAL  
Shelter BeltLocality: Walsh, Colorado Elevation: 3950, 3921Nearest town: Walsh, Colorado County: Baca CountyTime(s) observed: The first four sightings were in early evening,  
second sightings were at 11:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): Second sightings 10 mins,  
Third sighting 3 minsOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): Tex and Pat Buckhaults  
Walsh, Colorado 81090  
324-5774Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):  
SameLight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): NO RECORDS WERE KEPT ON June 14, 15, 16, 23, 1993 by the  
Buckhaults. Overcast on 8/04/93; clear and sunny on August 05, 1993  
Bird was on high wire, on 8/04/93 with sky being overcastAugust 4--68 degrees, Wind SW 2-5 MPH August 5--82 degrees Wind 8-10 MPH  
Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Pentax 10X50 E SEDistance and how measured: Estimate: 30 ft, 40 ft and 50 ft.If photographed, type of equipment and film: Canon EOS 620: 210 mm 100asa  
(these were taken of the bird from below and at a distance, will try to  
get better photos this week. Pat Buckhaults (small camera and lens)Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): The bird flew with strong beats, some glides and the wings  
slightly back that was reminiscent of a small falconDescribe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field: This bird was similar in length to a  
Mourning Dove, but was heavier-bodied, which was the first thing that  
drew our attention to the bird. After observation, white edges on the  
edges of its folded wings, which were large white wing patches on dark  
wings when in flight, and a long tail which was fanned, that had white on  
the end of the tail feathers. The body was brown above, belly light  
overall shape much like a

train  
white  
Description (continued): Dove. The differences in the birds were especially apparent when the White-winged Dove sat near a pair of Mourning Doves. The heavy-bodiedness was very obvious then. Seemed to be a stronger flyer than the Mourning Doves. Also one could see from a distance the difference in the heaviness. I would say that the heaviness of the body was more pigeon like. the beak was curved like a doves and the head shape was similar. It had a small black behind and below the eye.  
Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): I played a tape of Petersen's Western Birdsongs, White-winged Dove, and the bird responded with a similar call, or coo if you will. The bird was perched on a high wire when it repeated the call.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:  
Large yard in town, probably about 3 1/2 acres, with grass, Blue spruce, Scot's pine, Russian Olives, Apple trees, plum, Ponderosa, Russian Olives, Junipers and a garden.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Fortunately, the wing patches and the tail markings were readily seen. There was an obvious difference in the full-bodiedness of the bird when seen perched near the Mourning Doves that live in the area. Also the call and winnowing were different than the mourning  
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Dove which is the only other dove we have in Baca County other than Rock Doves. Other large pigeons and doves do not have the large wing patch and the unique tail marking of the White-winged dove.

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) At time of observation: Petersen's Western Birds

b) After observation: National Geographic

This report was written from reports made during sss, after observation           , from memory           

Date and time report was written: August 05, 1992; 10:30 p.m.

Reporting observer: Janeal W. Thompson Signature: Janeal W. Thompson

Address: 325 Ohio P. O. Box 487 Walsh, CO 81090

All reports will be maintained permanently at the address below:

Return to: CURATOR, DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS  
DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
CITY PARK  
DENVER, CO 80205

The Buckhaults' are novice birdwatchers. They had called me on the June 14, 15, 1 and June 23, sightings. I was unable to see the bird. On the August 04-05, 1993 I saw the bird and wrote the data for this report. I believe that the bird has spent the summer here. When shown a birding field guide, both