

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: White-winged Dove Zenaidura macroura
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 8 June 1992Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Locality: T2N R54W Sec. 5 NW 1/4 Elevation: 4400 ft.Nearest town: Akron County: WashingtonTime(s) observed: Observed 1 time, ~ 9:00amDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): ~ 1 min.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Christine Beauprez

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

None

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Light source was from the eastern sky, ~ 45°. There was no shade, and no clouds. It was very sunny.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X35 binocularsDistance, and how measured: ~ 30 ft. (estimate) (visual)If photographed, type of equipment and film: N/AWho else photographed the bird? None

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

The bird just sat on the fence for ~ 1 min and then flew away. It didn't make any sound. Flight was like that of a mourning dove. Fast flight.

Describe 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:

10-12 inches. Same size as mourning dove. Small head, plump body. Generally brown. Slender bill, pointed wings, rounded tail. Blue ring around eye extended to bill. The rounded tail had white corners. Had large, white, wing patches when it flew. Small black patch under eye.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): No call was given.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

The bird was sitting on a wooden fence approximately 5 ft high, in a farmer's yard. There were a few elm trees nearby, but the area mainly had farm buildings, wooden fences, and power poles. Disturbed.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

There were also many mourning doves in the area, but they have longer, pointed tails, and lack the white wings bars.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

This was my first and only sighting of a white-winged dove, but I am very familiar with mourning doves. Have seen them virtually every spring and summer for the past 3 years at my study site.

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

- a) at time of observation: Peterson's Field Guide to Western Birds; Christine Beauprez confirmed in the field
b) after observation: Clait Braun

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

Date and time report was written: 7 Jan 1994 11:00

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