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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

Accepted (7-0)NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: White-winged Dove | Zenaidura macroura
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 17 June 1995Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂-singing? Plumage: AdultLocality: Central Plains Experimental Range Elevation: _____Nearest town: NWNN County: WELDTime(s) observed: 10:30 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 3 mins +

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

Shannon Knight (my wife)

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

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

We saw single bird fly from lower branches of cottonwood to higher branches of 2 cottonwood with full sun on bird to shaded lightOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10X40 ZEISS BinoCDistance, and how measured: 70'-100' - stepped off

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

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

When we encountered the bird it was singing in the lower branches of a big cottonwood tree. If we hadn't flushed it to see it, maybe that's all it would have done while we were present, that's all we noticed.

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 observe in the field:

The bird was about same size as a Mourning Dove and shaped like a mourning dove but was a browner gray. bill was obviously larger than mourning. When in flight the ends of the outer tail feathers showed white and tail was rounded. The blackish wing showed white wing coverts (wing patches) underparts same brown-gray on back.

Description (continued): We met 4 people from Pennsylvania at noon a few miles from site and we asked them had they seen a white-winged dove at the same site & they had, so I included 2 of them for you.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): my wife & I heard at the same time the drawn out "who-cooks-for-you" song. instantly we said white-winged dove? it sang 3 times from a nearby cottonwood tree so we looked until we saw it perched. it flushed & flew to the next tree where we watched it a few minutes & heard no more from it. Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: in the Pawnee National Grassland of grasses & salt-tolerant bushes and at the station were couple dozen cottonwood trees & various wind-break bushes/trees.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? To my knowledge there is no other dove in North America that has these large white-wing patches and tail patches.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? We have seen them Texas, several times & heard them also. We have seen them in Miss. over the 10 years and by knowing their song we just found the 1st nesting pair in April on the Miss. Gulf Coast. We have seen & heard E. Collared Doves, White-tipped & Mourning Doves - also.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation: We played recording of white-winged dove on Peterson - Western Bird songs. It confirmed our findings.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ☒ from memory _____
Date and time report was written: 30 June 1995

Reporting observer: Gene C Knight Signature: Gene C Knight

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Bill,

July 10,

I have been visiting your state for 2 weeks with my wife birding around - We found a singing White-winged Dove and noted on your Colorado State List/card that it was uncommon. We were staying in Greeley at the time so I looked up in my ABA Directory for a person close by to call & report ~~our~~ finding and came up with Joe Himmel who was very glad to hear of the Dove - We had a few other unusuals later & he sent me the sighting forms to fill out for you. If there is anything else I need do please feel free to give me a call or drop a line -
Thanks

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