

APPENDIX II

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

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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): 1994 June 19 Time Bird Seen: 17:20 to 18:30

Locality : 4465 Darley Avenue, Boulder CO 80303

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Kowa TSN-2 scope with 30x WA eyepiece , 20x65 binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: Minolta X700 camera

Number of birds seen: One Sex: Unknown Plumage: Adult

Light conditions: Excellent. Bright sunshine illuminating bird from side and behind observers.

Distance from bird, and how measured: 7-10 meters (estimate)

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

The bird was feeding from a wooden bird feeder on which it perched for substantial lengths of time. It would also fly down onto the lawn and then search for food items in the grass. At other times the bird flew into tall trees surrounding the yard. The bird was free-flying with no signs of injury.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

The bird was seen in a suburban backyard. This yard was fenced and fairly quiet. The owner maintains a range of bird feeders throughout the year.

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

Lenore Dimond, 4465 Darley Avenue, Boulder, CO (who first noticed and identified the bird)

Gillian brown, 4560 Darley Avenue, Boulder , CO

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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.

A medium-sized bird with a small head, elongated body, long tail, and proportionally short legs. Overall coloration was sandy brown on back and wings, and creamy pink on head, shoulders and breast. Plumage was plain and not streaked. The bill was dark and longer than distance from base of bill to eye. The eye was red and surrounded by blue skin. A black mark was present on both sides of the neck. Broad white wing patches were very prominent along the edge of each wing when folded and across the center of each wing in flight. The legs were pink without any bands or other evidence of captive origin. The square-ended tail was the same color (brown) as rest of back and rump with white patches at corners.

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

No vocalizations were heard.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Mourning dove is our expected dove. -- eliminated by white wing bars, red eye surrounded by blue, absence of black spots on back, and square tail.

Rock dove and Band-tailed pigeon --- wrong shape and markings.

Ground doves and Inca dove --- have red eyes (some surrounded by blue) but would not have white wing patches.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I have seen white-winged doves previously in Arizona and New Mexico.

Mourning dove is a common species in Boulder County and we are very familiar with this bird.

I know ground dove and Inca doves from Arizona.

This report was written from notes made during X after X observation;
from memory . Four photographs included.

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