

COLORADO RARE BIRD REPORT

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WHITE-WINGED DOVE

Zenaida asiatica

Location: Pueblo; Pueblo County, Colorado

Date: November 4, 1995

This bird was noticed by the homeowner (at 2011 Oakland Ave., Pueblo) where it was visiting her back yard and feeders. This is an older section of Pueblo, with small to medium-sized houses, open back yards with scattered trees and shrubs, and bordering on the alley in back. Nancy had been noticing the bird for about two weeks. (It was last seen about November 7th.) I watched it with Brandon Percival. Another who saw it was Dave Johnson. We watched the bird for about 1/2 hour, from about 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. It sat quietly in a small, leafless tree in Nancy's backyard. We also flushed it and watched it fly into a tree in the neighboring yard. Nancy said that the bird fed on seed on the ground in her back yard and also roosted in surrounding trees and on the garage roof. The bird appeared wild and wary and was not banded. It was sunny and cold and the light was excellent and I observed it at close range (25-75 feet) with B & L Elite 10x40 binoculars.

Description:

The bird was an adult. It was about 10" long -- about the size of a Mourning Dove but chunkier and with a shorter tail. It was much smaller than nearby Rock Doves. It was overall medium-sized; sandy-gray with a rather long, blunt, squared-off tail. The plumage was soft and sleek -- very pretty. The bird was basically unmarked but there was faint scaling on the back. The undersides were paler, with the belly a very pale sand color. The legs and feet were dull red. The iris was reddish-orange. There was a circle of pale blue skin around the eye. There was a distinct black tear drop shaped mark below each eye on the sides of the neck. The bill was gray. There was white along the bend of the folded wing. In flight this transformed into a white bar centered diagonally on the inner half of each upper wing. The tail was long, square to slightly rounded, with white outer tips. The under surface of the tail showed long white tips, nearly half of the tail length. The center of the upper tail had a warmer, slightly rufous tone. The rump was sandy-gray like the rest of the upper parts.

Similar Species:

The small size, dark rump and bare blue skin around eye eliminate Rock Doves. Band-tailed Pigeon lacks white in wing, is grayer and has a two-toned bill. Mourning Dove has spots on the wing coverts, lacks white in the wing, and has a long pointed tail. Other exotic doves lack the white in the wing and the bare blue skin around the eye. Inca and Ground doves are smaller, scaled, and have rufous, not white, in the wing. White-tipped Dove and other exotic columbids lack white in the wing.

Experience with Species:

I have seen many White-winged Doves and all other regularly-occurring North American columbids.

This report was prepared from notes made during and immediately after observation.

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

Species: white-winged Dove Zenaida asiatica
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 11-5-95Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: AdultLocality: Pueblo, CO - 2000 Block Oakland Elevation: Nearest town: In Pueblo County: PuebloTime(s) observed: 7:30 AM - 8 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 1/2 hour

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

Nancy Crafton 2011 Oakland (719-564-2996)Nancy Crafton first found and identified this bird.

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

Brandon Percival 835 Harmony Pueblo West CO

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

Good light - sun to our backs.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Zeiss 10x40 BinocularDistance, and how measured: 20 feet estimatedIf 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):

Bird perched in trees in backyard and would occasionally come to ground to feed or would go to bird bath to drink

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:

About same size as Mourning Dove but tail was rounded rather than pointed. Overall color was warm grayish tan, bill was dark; longer in comparison to Mourning Dove. Eye was dark with some red in cornea; a bluish eyering. Broad white wing band was visible in flight. A black streak

Description (continued): ran horizontally below eye and above neck.
Tail was rounded, extended beyond wings, white tipped at end & tinged with rufous at base. Legs & feet were pinkish.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

None given

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

Backyard of residential neighborhood composed of single family homes. Some elm and fruit trees in neighborhood.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Broad white wing patches eliminated

Mourning & Zenaida Doves

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

I have seen many White-winged Doves in Arizona & Texas. & many Mourning Doves in many states. I have never seen a Zenaida Dove.

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

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: National Geographic

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

Date and time report was written: 7:45 AM 11-6-95

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