

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM

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RESULTS: ACCEPTED 7-0

PHOTOS

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: White-winged Dove Zenaidura macroura
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 June 20, 21, 22 Aug 7, 8 - 97

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: ? PLUMAGE: Summer

EXACT LOCATION: 1689 18 Road

COUNTY: Mesa NEAREST TOWN: FRUITA ELEVATION: 5,000

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: VARIED TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: 30 +

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

Roger Church Larry Bond
Ron Lambeth Casey Bond

Pam Church

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

Ron Lambeth
Roger Church

1689 18 Rd
Fruita Co 81521

LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION):

From partly cloudy to Bright Sunlight

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

NAKED EYE, TASCO 8X21
BAUSCH & Lomb 10X50, TASCO Spotting Scope

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): From 15 ft. up to 100 ft

WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? Yes IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? Yes

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? Pam Church

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

In and Around our Cottonwood trees which are
surrounded by farm fields with desert scrub
to the north

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

Cooing (Pigeon like, longer and deeper than mourning dove)
Feeding on Hen scratch on the ground and in the
feeder, drinking from our bird bath. Used cotton-
woods for shade and roosting.

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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): June 21, 1997 Time Bird Seen: 07:10 am to 07:25 am

Locality : 1689 "18" Road (N-most house on W side of 18 Road)
Fruita, Mesa County, Colorado
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Fujinon 8X40 BFL binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: The Churches may have a photo - yet undeveloped

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: no sign of wear

Light conditions: shade, but lighted reasonably well

Distance from bird, and how measured: 40 feet (estimated)

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Perched, head movement only

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Farmyard, large cottonwood trees, lawn, garden, chicken pens, horse paddock, feeders loaded with chicken scratch

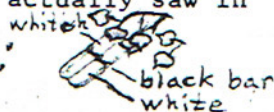
Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

This is at the home of Roger & Pam Church, who first identified and reported the find. Roger has hunted this species in the southwest. They say the bird or a white-winged dove had spent at least a week at their place the last month ending on May 10. Church's tel. # is 970/858-7111.

APPENDIX II Continued

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.

First seen was the underside of tail:



Body color generally a dusky tan.

Then with a few side steps the full view was seen;

white line { wider
narrower



Slightly less slender + long tailed than depicted; wing had black edge line with wider and much longer white line along the long edge of the wing and above (folded wing) the black line.

Face has a dark dipper jugal crescent be eye

can't say whether bigger than MoDo

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery--

i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.: Did not see cooing, but must have done it from the perch it was found on. Coo is louder more polysyllabic than the coo of the several mourning doves (MoDos) at the feeders + in the garden nearby... happier-sounding too. First 3 or so coos in a set are hoots + the last one is a hoo.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Mourning dove: Basic color about the same, but tail not so blunt, voice quite poor in spirit, has black wing spots, but no strong white line.

Zenaida dove: Looks more like a mourning dove with wing spots. Black above or dorsal to thinner white line on wing. Call not believed to be similar to the familiar (to me) white winged dove call.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I've heard and seen them in S. Tex, Trans Pecos, Ariz., Calif., and Mexico. Also at Lytle Ranch in SW Utah.

This report was written from notes made during ____ after ____ observation; from memory X.

I have yet to look at a field guide; I will to answer question on similar species.

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