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DATE OF OBSERVATION	TIME OF OBSERVATION	NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN	SEX	PLUMAGE
June 24, 1998	1545 TO 1630 MDT	One	Unknown	Adult
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LOCALITY: Backyard, 4450 South Alton Street, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111-12ELEVATION: 5420 COUNTY: Arapahoe

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THE BIRD (Names, Addresses, Telephone Number):

None that I know of except for my wife.OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: 9.5x44 Celestron BinocularsWEATHER CONDITIONS: Partly cloudy. 90°; Wind: SE 10 MPH.BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: Sun directly upon bird coming from behind observerDISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 25'-40', estimated.

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: Heard this cooing call, "who-coos-for-you-coo-uh" coming from either a tree or telephone in my backyard. Investigation turned up a white-winged dove perched on an over-head telephone wire. It did not seem overly concerned by my presence as I moved closer for a better look. I retreated slowly and got some cracked corn and white millet and sprinkled under my ladder the ground. After some hesitation, the dove flew down and began feeding along with House Sparrows, House Finches and Common Grackles. It stayed around for about 45 minutes. It then flew off and has not returned.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION (EMPHASIS ON KEY FIELD MARKS): Relative size and shape; plumage and color pattern of head, upperparts and underparts; shape and color of bill, wings, tail, feet and legs; eye color.

A fairly large, plump dove; overall plumage largely a tuffy-brown with a lavender tinge on head and nape. When perched, the white wing patch, appeared only as a thin white line along the leading edge of the folded wing. When the dove fluttered to the ground, the white wing coverts were most prominent on the black flight primaries. Also most obvious, was the rounded tail with large white patches on the outer rectrices. There was a small black spot below and behind the eye. Iris, orange. Small black bill; feet and legs were reddish.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION (continued):

HABITAT: Shaded backyard with tall cottonwoods and medium height plum trees.

VOCALIZATION (call/song; how delivered-perched, in flight; frequency; duration):

A mellow, cooing "who-coos-for-you-coo-hut" delivered repetitiously from a perch on overhead telephone wires.

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

MOURNING DOVE (*Zenaida macroura*): Much slimmer and longer tail. Lacks the prominent white wing areas. Call is a mournful, drawn out "hoo-ah, coo-coo-coo-coo."

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

WHITE-WINGED DOVE: Seen commonly in Arizona since 1960's. Seen in southern Texas since 1970; seen in good numbers around Alamos, Sonora, Mexico in January 1993.
MOURNING DOVE: Observed all over the United States during all seasons beginning in the late 1930's.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

None required for this obvious dove.

THIS REPORT WAS WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING AFTER ☒ OBSERVATION; FROM MEMORY

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