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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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CFO-RC FILE X: 2001-42
RESULTS: _____

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific name): White-winged Dove
Zenaida asiaticaDate(s) of Observation: May 6, 2001Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Not known Plumage: AdultExact location: Old Farm Park; Old Farm Subdivision; Corner of
Iron Horse Trail and Old Farm CircleCounty: El Paso Nearest town: Colorado Springs Elevation: ~ 6,700Length of observation: 5 minutes Time(s) of observation: 4:00 PMOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: NoneOther Observers who independently saw the bird(s): NoneLight Conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s); position): Sunny; scattered clouds; bird seen in flightOptical equipment used: None; sight observationDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): ~ 50 yards from ground to bird in flight (against blue sky)Was bird(s) photographed? No If so, have you submitted photos? N/AWho took the photographs? N/A

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

Suburban park; park surrounded by houses on east and west, open space on north, streets on south

Describe the bird's behavior (flying, feeding, habits, behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Bird flying from roof top of one house to another, flying east to west. Bird landed on chimney top on roof. Remained for five minutes, calling.[click here for page 2 of this form / Back to the CBRC Home Page Links](#)

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Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include the overall size

and shape and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other important details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches or copy field notes):

(On reverse)

Describe birds call or song: *Not a single call; a series of notes: ooo ooo*
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Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Mourning Dove - tapered tail; slender; call different; (low mourning-descending)
wingbeats faster; no white on wings; black spots on back

Rock Dove - different call; different color; no white on wings

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? *Observations at Madera Canyon and other locations in Southeastern Arizona*

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): *Positive identification made at time of observation. I reviewed Sibley's and Peterson's guides to verify field marks. I also reviewed Colorado Birds to check*

This report is from notes made during ___ or after ___ observation, whether sighting or later from memory ☒ *unusual or not.*

Date of written report: *May 9, 2001*

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I was observing ^{to eyes} Mourning Doves as I sat at
~~listening~~
Old Farm ^{rm} ~~213~~ Park. These doves are quick and appear
streamlined in flight. They moved quickly, sometimes
in pairs, from rooftop to rooftop. From the rooftops
these doves sang their low mournful notes.

As I observed two Mourning Doves in flight,
I saw a single dove in flight. It was stockier
than a Mourning Dove with a slower wingbeat.
White patch on upper wing. These white patches
stood out ~~on dark~~ ^{sub} against the darker color
on rest of the upper wings. (Did not observe
plumage of belly or undertail coverts in flight.)
Tail (from $\approx 5\phi$ yards) appeared rounded with white
on corners; tail not tapered.

After dove landed on rooftop, I listened to
call for approximately one minute. I then got up
to observe the dove on the roof. I did not get
close enough to see eye color. Body plump; brownish
above; grayish belly. When wings folded, white
strip visible. Tail square. (Approximately 5ϕ yards
from bird on roof.)