

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

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CBRC FILE #: 2002-20

RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) White-winged Dove

(Scientific Name) Zenaida asiatica

Date(s) of occurrence: 01/18/02, 01/20/02, 01/25/02, 01/28/02, 02/07/02, 02/12/02

Number of birds seen: Two

Sex: Not known

Plumage: Adult

Exact location: In Pueblo along the east side of Fountain Ck. about 1/2 mile upstream of the confluence with the Arkansas R. In cottonwood trees near the Railroad Bridge over Fountain Ck. Also in the groves of trees at the intersection of Rte227 and Portland Ave. just east of Fountain Ck.

County: Pueblo

Nearest town: Pueblo

Elevation:

Length of observation: Total time about 45 mins.

Time(s) of observation: 0800, 0830, 1000, 1600

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Not known

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Doves were seen in broad daylight; usually in direct sunlight. Direction relative to doves was variable. They were seen from ground level while they were perched in leafless trees.

Optical equipment used: 10X42 Binocular

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 30 to 50 ft. at closest approach.

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? Yes

If so, are you submitting photos? Yes

Who took the photograph(s)? Myself

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Habitat was open, lowland riparian forest. The doves were seen in mature cottonwood trees along or close to Fountain Ck. Area is adjacent to a livery stable.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The pair of doves were seen when perched in trees. Usually they were with several E. Collared Doves. The pair tended to stay together - sometimes perched only a few inches apart.

DESCRIPTION --

The birds were identified as doves based on size - approx. 12", gray brown color, slim body, long neck, small head, small bill size, and rapid, linear flight. The overall body and head color was brown gray. The body color was plain with no spots or scaled pattern. The wings as seen on the perched doves were brown with a conspicuous white strip along the lower folded edge. There was a black marking on both sides of the neck just below the cheek. On close-up views the eyes had red irises with an irregular blue-gray ring surrounding the eye. The tip of the tail had rounded edges. From below, the outer 2/3 of the tail was white and the rest was black to the under tail coverts. In flight, the upper sides of the wings had large, arc-shaped, distinct white patches about mid-wing that contrasted with the wing color.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: The doves were silent.

SIMILAR SPECIES - Similar species would be Morning Dove and E. Collared-dove. Morning Doves were eliminated because the subject doves had conspicuous white wing patches and did not have wedge-shaped tails. When seen with the E. Collared Doves, the subject doves were slightly smaller and darker. The E. Collared Doves have light patches on the upper wing surface when seen in flight but these patches are grayish and do not have the contrast of the white patches on the subject doves. Also the E. Collared Doves have a single, black mark that partially encircles the back of the neck; they do not have black marks on the sides of the necks below the cheeks.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Over the years I've seen countless Morning Doves. The E. Collared Doves I've seen dozens of times at this location and elsewhere around Pueblo since Aug. 2001. My previous experience with White-wing Doves was about 6 sightings of a single individual at this location last fall.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Guides used were Sibley's Guide to Birds and the National Geographic Soc. Field Guide to NA Birds. These guides were consulted to learn the markings that needed to be observed to identify the doves as White-winged Doves. As there were sightings on six different days I was able to confirm some points missed on the earlier sightings, e.g. eye color and eye-ring color.

This report was made from (check one) ☐ notes made during observation ☒ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: Feb. 15, 2002.

Reporting observer: J. Rich Miller

Signature: J. Rich Miller

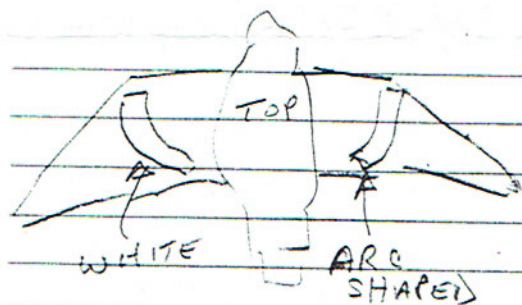
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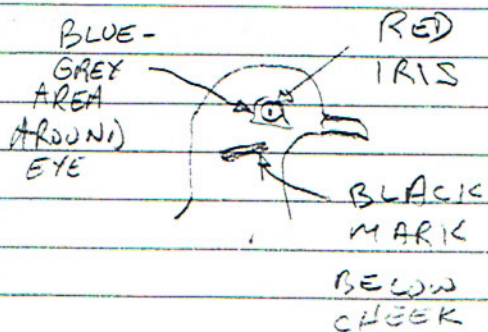
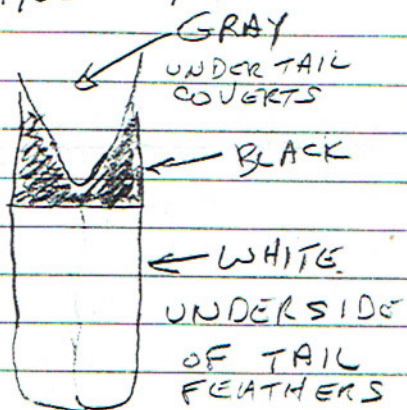
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WHITE PATCHES CONTRAST
WITH WING COLOR

GRAY BROWN OVERALL
COLOR. WHITE PATCH
SEEN ON FOLDED WING
AS JAGGED NARROW WHITE
STRIP - SEEN IN
SIDE VIEW.

WHITE WING DOVE
2/7/02 + 2/12/02





TWO WHITE-WINGED DOVES
TAKEN 1/28/02 0830
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SECOND DOVE IS HERE
↓ ON OPPOSITE SIDE
+



WHITE WINGED DOVE
TAKEN 1/28/02 0830
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(SHOWS MARK ON NECK)