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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form(this is a two page report-click at the bottom for page 2) **ACCEPTED**

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CBRC FILE #: _____

RESULTS: _____

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

Species (please include common and scientific names): white-winged dove, *Zenaida asiatica*

Date(s) of Observation: June 17 and 23, 2002

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: adult.

Exact location: 636 Sydney Dr. 40° 32.46 N 105° 03.94 W.
80525-2776

County: Larimer Nearest town: Ft. Collins Elevation: ~5,000

Length of observation: 2-5 minutes Time(s) of observation: 7:30am, 8:30am

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Carrie Moulton

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): —

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observer(s) position):

Optical equipment used: Nikon 7x50 binoculars

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 20-25 feet.

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? Yes If so, are you submitting photos? ^{yes} ~~If you want it.~~

Who took the photograph(s)? Steve Klein

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Bird was in residential backyard that has lots of mature trees. Bird landed on a hanging bird feeder that had sunflower seeds.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The birds behavior was unusual with respect to what I expect from doves. First, it landed on a hanging feeder instead of on the ground. Second, when a grackle landed on the feeder, it ~~was~~ took a defensive posture (far wing up ready to flap) like a pigeon on a nest (I used to raise racing pigeons + turtle doves). I thought it unusual for it to display this click here for page 2 of this form behavior away from a nest. I was later told by an avid birding friend that this latter behavior is typical of white-winged doves.

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DESCRIPTION -- This is the **most important** part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

When it flew up to the feeder, I knew immediately that it was a dove by size, shape & flight, but it was bulkier than a Mourning dove and the shape of the tail was not consistent w/ MD. (even it it molted the central tail feathers). Because it was somewhat backlit I thought Band tailed for an instant but knew that wasn't the case (I've only seen one away from mtus) and it was too small. With binoculars, I saw white wing patch while landed and white-^{cornered} rounded tail. When it flew off, the wing patches and tail pattern were very visible because it was well lit. The second sighting on the 23RD was the same except I took a picture because I have got in the habit of →

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: none

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration.

Initially I thought it was a Mourning Dove but it landed on a hanging bird feeder which is unusual for a ground feeder. Then I noticed that it was larger than a Mourning Dove and the tail was not pointed. Through binoculars I saw the white wing patch and when it flew I saw the tail shape.

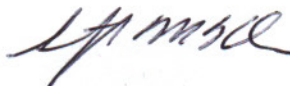
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? No prior experience w/ white-winged.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): NGS field guide, Golden - Birds of N America, Pictorial Checklist of CO Birds.

This report is from notes made from (check one) ___ noted made during observation ___ noted made after observation X later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 5 July 2002 7:00 am

Reporting observer: Steve Klein

Signature: 

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photographing unusual birds or birds that are out of their usual range. In both sightings, the bird (I am assuming that it was the same bird each time) flew in from the southeast and flew off to the north.

