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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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RESULTS: _____

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

Species (please include common and scientific names): **Inca Dove /Columbina inca**

Date(s) of Observation: **September 29, 2002-December 31, 2002**

Number of birds seen: **7** Sex: **?** Plumage: **Adult**

Exact location: **704 Willow Valley Drive**

County: **Prowers** Nearest town: **Lamar** Elevation: **3622**

Length of observation: **Various** Time(s) of observation: **As early as 5:30 a.m., as late as 4:30 p.m.**

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: **Sandi Miller, Dave Leatherman, Duane Nelson**

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): **Sandi Miller, Dave Leatherman**

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

Optical equipment used: **Binoculars**

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): **20 feet**

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: **In my backyard at the safflower feeder and watering tray. They often roost on the neighbor's fence or in the junipers in the neighbor's yard.**

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: **The first bird I saw was feeding on the ground, the next observation, there was a small flock of seven birds. They generally come to the feeder three or four times a day. There are now only 5 birds and they always come together, not individually.**

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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. **This is a small dove with gray-buff upperparts, scaly grayish white under parts and a long square tail. The dark edging on its feathers give it a scaly or scalloped look on its back, wings and breast. These marks are the only dark marks on the wing feathers, i.e., no spots or splotches. The bird has small black marks (vertical slashes, not easy to see) on the flanks. The feet are pink, the beak is dark and slightly curved downward and the eyes are dark. When it flies, the primaries are chestnut or rusty colored and they do have a slight winnowing sound heard especially when the bird begins its flight. In flight, the dove shows grayish brown down the middle of the long square tail, with black feathers on either side and then white outer tail feathers. These birds are quite gregarious and regular in their feeding habits.**

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration. **Common Ground Dove would be the closest similar species but it has a shorter, rounded black tail with white only on corners. Bird does not have "scaly" appearance, as do the Incas. The bird is smaller than Inca Dove. No black spotting on wings. Smaller than a Mourning Dove, has rusty primaries which Mourning Dove does not.**

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? **Seen in Texas and Arizona**

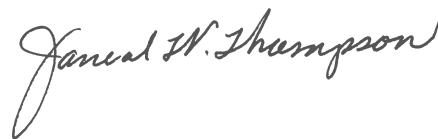
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): **Sibley's, National Geographic**

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

Date and time of written report: **February 12, 2003**

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