

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

CFO-ORC FILE # 25-94-41NEW STATE RECORD ☒UNUSUAL RECORD ☐Accepted - But Not a first state
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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: COMMON GROUND DOVE
(Vernacular Name)COLUMBINA PASSERINA
(Scientific Name)Date(s): 12-22-94Number of birds seen: ONESex: UNCERTAINPlumage: UNCERTAIN
1 MA(?) BILL LOOKS DALocality: W. SIDE OF COZZENS LAKE, RT. 72, SE OF EATON Elevation: 5000'Nearest town: EATON, CO.County: WELDTime(s) observed: 3:45-4:05 P.M., WHEN FLEW OFF.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20 MIN.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

NONE

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

UNKNOWN

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

IN BRUSH, 2' FROM GROUND, FULL SUNLIGHT (ALTHOUGH LATE P.M.)Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8X42 ELITE BINOCULARS, 25X SCOP.Distance, and how measured: ESTIMATE 15 YDS.If photographed, type of equipment and film: —Who else photographed the bird? —

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

PERCHED LOW (2-3 FT.) IN HEAVY BRUSH - THEN FLEW AWAY FROM ME AFTER APP. 20 MIN.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

VERY SMALL DOVE (INCA SIZE OR SMALLER), QUITE UNIFORM GRAY (BROWNISH TINGE). BLACK SPOTS ON WING COVERTS AND TRIFLE ON BACK. BILL APPEARED DARK IN LIGHT I HAD. LACKED SCALY EFFECT OF INCA DOVE. VERY SHORT ROUNDED TAIL, DARK BROWN IN COLOR. SLIGHT SUGGESTION OF WHIT. EDGE (OUTER TIP) OF TAIL. THIS WAS MUCH MORE LIMITED

Description (continued):

THAN IN INCA DOVE. WHEN IT FLEW, IT SEEMED TO FLY VERY FAST AND ERRATIC, FLASHING SOME RUFOUS ON WING. IT APPEARED TO DROP TO GROUND, WHERE I COULD NOT SEE IT, OR LOOK ON FOOT, AS IT WAS POSTED PROPERTY. SLIGHT SCALY APPEARANCE ON HEAD - DID NOT SET BREAST WELL.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

NONE HEARD.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

THICK BRUSH AND COTTONWOOD SAPLINGS AT EDGE OF CATTAIL MARSH NEXT TO COZZENS LAKE.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

INCA DOVE - HAVE SEEN MANY TIMES IN SW AND TWICE IN COLORADO. HAS A SCALY EFFECT ON BACK AND WING COVERTS, AND A RATHER LONG, WITH WHITE OUTER EDGE. MOURNING DOVE - MUCH LARGER, VERY ELONGATED, TAIL LONG AND TAPERED.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

INCA DOVE - SEEN FREQUENTLY IN SOUTH TEXAS.
COMMON GROUND DOVE - AND SOUTH ARIZONA.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

- a) at time of observation: } AUDUBON MASTER GUIDE TO BIRDING. V. II
b) after observation: } NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ☒ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: 6 P.M., 12-22-94

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