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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

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

Species: INCA DOVE | COLUMBINA INCA
(Vernacular Name) | (Scientific Name)Date(s): OCTOBER 16 1994Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: UNKNOWN Plumage: ADULTLocality: 1409 PATTON ST Elevation: 5000'Nearest town: FORT COLLINS County: LARIMERTime(s) observed: 10:30 - 11 amDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 25 minutes

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

CLAIT & MRS BRAUN (THEIR HOUSE).

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

DAVID LEATHERMAN & JOE MAMMOSER

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

CLOUDY AND LIGHT RAINOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x40 BINOCULARSDistance, and how measured: 20' AT CLOSEST APPROXIMATELY (ESTIMATED)

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):

MOSTLY SITTING IN A CRAB-APPLE TREE. DID WALK ALONG BRANCHES
AND ONCE FLEW FROM ONE BRANCH TO ANOTHER.

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:

THE BIRD WAS CLEARLY SOMEWHAT LARGER AND LONGER (ABOUT 2") THAN THE
HOUSE FINCHES WHICH WERE ALSO IN THE TREE. IT WAS NOT NEARLY AS LONG
AS A MOURNING DOVE. ON FIRST VIEWING THE SCALLOPING MARKING ON MOST OF
THE BIRD WAS WHAT STRUCK ME FIRST. THE SCALLOPING COVERED THE BREAST,

Description (continued):

HEAD AND THE WINGS OF THE BIRD. THE TAIL WAS CLEARLY QUITE LONG AND I COULD SEE THE WHITE OUTER TAIL FEATHERS TOWARDS THE END OF THE TAIL. THE BIRD NEVER FLEW LONG ENOUGH TO GET A REALLY GOOD LOOK AT THE TAIL, BUT WHEN IT FLEW THE CHESTNUT IN THE OUTER WINGS WAS OBVIOUS. THE BILL WAS RELATIVELY QUITE LONG AND WAS ALL DARK. THE EYE WAS RED WITH A BLUE EYERING WHICH WAS QUITE THIN. THE FEET WERE RED.

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

NONE GIVEN

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

CRAB APPLE TREE IN SUBURBAN GARDEN (WAS COMING TO FEEDER I WAS TOLD)

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

MOURNING DOVE BY SMALLER SIZE, SCALLOPED APPEARANCE, EYE COLOR, CHESTNUT IN WING

COMMON GROUND DOVE BY LARGER SIZE, SCALLOPING ON WINGS & BACK, BILL COLOR, WHITE OUTER TAIL

WHITE-WINGED DOVE BY SMALLER SIZE, SCALLOPED APPEARANCE, NO LARGE WHITE PATCHES IN WING.

ROCK DOVE BY MUCH SMALLER SIZE, SCALLOPED APPEARANCE, SMALLER BILL ETC.

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

I HAVE SEEN THIS SPECIES AND ALL OTHER I COMPARED IT TO VERY FREQUENTLY.

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

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

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This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation from memory
Date and time report was written: 16 OCTOBER 1994 at 5pm

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