

## Documentation Form

for Extraordinary Bird Sighting in Iowa • Iowa Ornithologists' Union

Species: White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* How many?                     

Location: Ray and Jan Cooper residence, rural Cerro Gordo County, IA

Type of Habitat: Yard with many trees, central open area, and nearby grain bins

Date: 02 July 2002 Time: 7:00 pm

Primary Observer: Paul Hertzell 

Address/contact: 240 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Mason City, IA 50401 phertzell@rconnect.com

Others present: Ray and Jan Cooper, homeowners

Description of Bird (attach additional pages if necessary):

Large, chunky, gray-brown dove with squared off tail. Dark accent mark on side of neck, below cheek, and striking white trim most of the length of the leading edge of the folded wing. Undertail black at base, white at outer half.

See photo.

The bird called repeatedly, "Coo COO cucKOO" (Who cooks for you).

Similar species, and how they were eliminated:

A Eurasian Collared Dove was present in the same yard, earlier in the day. It is similar, but has a dark, partial collar on the nape, rather than the dark accent mark on the side of the neck. Also, it lacks the obvious white wing mark evident in the folded wing. Mourning Doves were also present, but are much more slender, have a long, pointed tail and no wing mark.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about the identification: No. This bird was also seen by Curt Krieger (Mason City), Jan Walter (Mason City), Curt Nelson (Plymouth). The initial ID was suggested by Ray Cooper, and confirmed by Curt Krieger.

Viewing conditions (light, distance, optics): Sunny day, good light.

Previous experience with species: Seen in Texas and Dickinson County, IA, 2001.

References/persons consulted: Reviewed field marks in Sibley before looking for bird.

How long before this form was completed? 4 hours.