

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? White-winged Dove How many? 1Location? Cerro Gordo County -- (intersection of Hwy 107 and B-43)Type of habitat? Hedgerows, overhead lines, and some Big treesWhen? date(s): July 5, 2002 time: 6:10 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. approximatelyWho? your name and address: Mark Proescholdt, Box 65, Liscomb, Ia. 50148others with you: Noneothers before or after you: Paul Hertzgel, Armstrongs, others

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

I first heard this bird calling quite a bit high in a Basswood in the SE corner yard of this intersection. It was calling a "who cooks for you?" variation. The lady of the house invited me into her yard to look and said that it has been there a week now.

I located the Dove high up in a Basswood tree. It had a black slash below its eye. It was hidden somewhat by a branch. It had a square end of its tail that was all white about 1 1/2" to the tail tip on its underside. Finally, I saw the big slash of white on both of its wings as it turned around a few times on its branch. Unmistakeable!

It definitely was a dove and about the color of a Mourning Dove.

Similar species and how eliminated:

No Dove species is like this one with its big white wing patches.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Good looks, mostly sunny + hot day. Good viewing. Bird mostly in the shade and sun at my side. Up about 50 feet in tree and about 35 yards away from me (estimated). 8x30 Binoculars.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen one in Iowa before and in Arizona.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

None

How long before field notes made? Made at 6:30 p.m. this form completed? July 21, 2002
that evening