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White-winged Dove

21 Sep 1997

Fort Dodge, Webster Co., IA

Diana J. Hultine

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LETTER

Diana J. Hultine, 1436 2nd Ave So., Ft. Dodge 50501 to Jim  
[Fuller], 27 Oct 1997. [2/15/98]

PHOTOGRAPHS

Diana J. Hultine, P-0569

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 68:14

Records Committee: IBL 68:86

Hultine, D. J. 1998. White-winged Dove in Fort Dodge. IBL  
68:108.

VOTE: 7 A-P

A-P, Photos show white wing line nicely.

the bird is not in juvenal plumage and the bird I saw had prominent wing-bars. This bird had a very light-colored rump with its nape also lighter than its back giving the bird's upper part the light-dark-light sequence for its nape-back-rump. This is characteristic of the Western Tanager.

This is what A. C. Bent (*U. S. Natl. Museum Bull.*, no. 211, 1958) has to say about the plumages of the first-year male Western Tanager. "There is considerable variation among individuals, these one-year males are as a whole somewhat less brilliant than the adults. The black of the upper part is duller and more or less intermixed with greenish. The red on the head paler, less intense and more restricted in area; and the yellows decidedly duller and less brilliant."

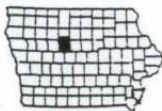
After reviewing my notes and the above references I identified this bird as a first-year male Western Tanager. According to *Birds in Iowa* (Kent and Dinsmore, 1996) this is the 12th record for the state and the first for Dickinson County.

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## WHITE-WINGED DOVE IN FORT DODGE

DIANA J. HULTINE

On 21 September 1997, I was watching several Mourning Doves feeding on the ground in my yard. I noted another dove that joined them and that was clearly not a Mourning Dove. The characteristics that I noted that separated this bird from the others were its much darker brown wings, distinct white patches on the wings, the lack of black spots on the back, and the presence of white areas on both sides at the end of the tail. I was able to compare the bird with the various doves illustrated in Robbins *Birds of North America* and identify it based on those illustrations. I was also able to take several photographs that were examined by the I.O.U. Records Committee and confirmed the identification. The bird returned to my yard several times on the 21st and again the next three days. Each time, it perched in a nearby tree and then flew to the ground where it fed and drank with the Mourning Doves. I last saw the White-winged Dove on the morning of 24 September. I have a number of different species of birds that visit my yard but this certainly was the most exciting one I have seen there yet.



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Diana J. Hultine  
1436 2nd Ave. So.  
Ft. Dodge, IA 50501  
October 27, 1997

Dear Jim:

Sorry, I didn't get these out to you today.

I have been having some health problems and moving slowly, but that is how I got these pictures. I was home from work.

I first spotted the dove on September 21, 1997, (my mother's birthday). It would perch in our neighbor's tree, which overhangs onto our lot, three or four times a day and then come down to eat. The last time I saw it was at lunch time on September 24, 1997.

I've numbered the pictures on the back. I don't know if some of the pictures could be enlarged or not. If you need the negatives for this, please let me know. Would like the best picture possible for the publication.

Speaking of the publication, I would dearly love to have one.

I am not familiar with the organization (bird club) that you spoke of and would like to know more about it.

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Shale Street of Backyard Habitat, 421 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Corvallis, Iowa, gave me your name and number when in Iowa City for some testing at the University Hospital/Clinic.

Earlier this summer I read about some of the native habitat being destroyed in Texas prompting the dove to go farther north for food. I do not recall it saying just how far north. Anyway, I was thrilled to have seen one so far off the beaten path so to speak.

My phone number, once again, is (515) 573-5776 if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,  
David J. Hultine