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White-winged Dove

30 Aug 1997

Riverton A., Fremont Co., IA

*Michael D. Overton

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Record Number: 97-48

Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Michael D. Overton, 1316 S Duff #93, Ames 50010 [*6/9/98]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: none

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VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Is this bird really expanding or was '97 an unusual year?

A-D, A complete look at an easily identified bird.

A-D, Besides the large white wing bars, the other marks on head, body, and tail are noted in detail. Four records for 1997 from widely separate areas certainly suggests a major invasion.

A-D, Description detailed, well-organized. Eliminates other possibilities.

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IOWA BIRD SIGHTINGS DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species: White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) **How many?** One adult.

Location: Fremont co., Riverton Wildlife Area, .5 mile N of jct. check station road & Fremont co. Rd. J46

Habitat: Open small trees and shrubs along roadside between hardwood bottomland and agricultural cropland.

Date: 30 August 1997 **Time:** Approx. 8:15am to 8:25am

Observer: Michael D. Overton, 1316 S Duff #93, Ames, IA, 50010

Other Observers: Dixie Overton

Observers Before and After: Before: none. After: ??

Description:

Size: Medium-large dove, slightly smaller than a Rock Dove.

Shape: Fairly heavy-bodied and full-chested, more similar to a Rock Dove than a Mourning Dove.

Bill: Dark blackish brown.

Eyes: Not noted.

Head: Grayish brown slightly darker on crown and nape than on chin and throat. Pale blue area around eye extending to lores. Single black mark extending from near throat passing below auricular to near nape.

Back: Grayish brown.

Rump: Grayish brown, darker than back.

Breast/Belly: Grayish brown, lighter than back.

Wings: Grayish brown, similar to back, flight feathers darker. Folded wing showed a narrow white area along the greater coverts. In flight, the white area was very prominent.

Tail: Dark grayish brown, outer 4? retrices with a broad white terminal band and a narrow black subterminal band. In flight, the tail was broadly rounded and the white and black bands were very noticeable.

Legs/Feet: Dark reddish fleshtone.

Vocalizations: None noted.

Behavior: Initially foraging on the road, when approached it flushed and flew into the nearby forested area.

Similar species and how eliminated: Rock Dove: Wing pattern, tail pattern, head pattern, rump color.

Mourning Dove: Overall shape, tail shape and pattern, wing pattern. Zenaida Dove: Breast and belly color, wing pattern, tail shape and color, common sense.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification: No.

Viewing Conditions: Scattered broken clouds, 20 yards (paced), Leica 10x42.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: White-winged Dove: Numerous sightings in TX and AZ also one in LeGrande, IA 11 May 1997. Rock Dove: Numerous sightings. Mourning Dove:

Numerous sightings. Zenaida Dove: No experience.

References consulted before writing description: None.

How long before field notes made: Immediately after sighting. **this form completed:** 4 months.