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WHITE-WINGED DOVE

Zenaida asiatica

Location: Fairview Township, Erie County

Date: May 8, 1996

Time: 5:50 to 6:00 PM

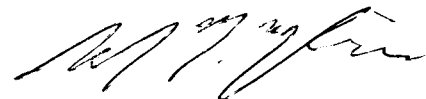
Weather: Cloudy, light wind

Observer: Jerry McWilliams

Optics: Zeiss 10 X 40 Binocular

Viewing distance: As close as 30 feet

Details of sighting & description: On the evening of May 7, I received a phone call from Jean Stull telling me that she had received a phone call from Donna Bostaph reporting a White-winged Dove coming to her parents feeder. Jean ask me if I could check it out, because she wasn't sure she would be able to since she wasn't feeling well. I arrived at the Collman's home, where the dove had been reported at about 4:30 PM. Donna told me that the bird had been coming to their feeder for about a week. She also told me that she saw the bird at 10:00 AM that morning, but hadn't seen it again all day. After waiting for about 80 minutes with my tripod- mounted-camera ready to take photographs, the dove suddenly appeared on the feeder. It was definitively a White-winged Dove. I took a roll of film of the bird and when I was reloading another roll, the bird flew off. The bird was in excellent condition showing no signs of captivity such as frayed feathers, scraped feathers around the bill, or swollen feet. It was rather wary and the Collman's said that sudden movement by them has made the bird fly. As the enclosed photographs clearly show, most of the bird was a medium gray or gray brown. The bill was rather long and all black, the iris was reddish brown surrounded by a rather wide bluish bare patch of skin. There was a long thin horizontal black mark just below the cheek. The wing coverts were an unmarked grayish brown. There was a prominent white bar along the leading edge of the forewing extending from the bend of the wing to the base of the primaries. This bar was formed by the white greater and median coverts. Of the hundreds of White-winged Doves I have seen in various parts of the United States, the coverts have always displayed a white bar of rather even width along the edge of the wing. The white bar on the folded wing of the White-winged Dove illustrated in the National Geographic Society Birds of North America is not accurate, showing the white to extend well upon the side of the wings. There was a thin white line crossing over the primaries formed by the white tips of the secondaries. The tail was proportionately short and was rather rounded. Even with the tail closed the white outer third of the outer rectrices could be seen on the otherwise grayish brown tail. The dove was last seen on May 10, long enough for about 30 birders to enjoy.



Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: **White-winged Dove ()**

Date of Sighting: **8 May 1996 to 10 May 1996**

Location: **FAIRVIEW TWP**

County: **ERIE**

Observer(s): **Jerry McWilliams**

Date of Submission: **1996**

Submitted by: **Jerry McWilliams**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **YES** Specimen: **NO**

Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas								
N. Pulcinella	X							
E. Kwater	X							
R. Ickes	X							
G. McWilliams	X							
P. Schwalbe	X							
S. Feldstein	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F C Haas

Date:

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