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213 DEERFIELD DRIVE
POTTSVILLE, PA 17901

White-winged dove
6/29/98

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Weather: 80 F, winds light northwest, overcast. No rain. Lighting flat, and the bird was observed against the bright overcast, making it more difficult to discern subtle colors.

Viewing conditions: Excellent. Range 55-80 feet, viewed with 10x40 Zeiss and 400mm Pentax telephoto lens mounted on Canon EOS 10-S body.

First sighted for 2-3 seconds at 9:30 a.m. flying past my home office window with a mourning dove; I immediately saw the large, symmetrical white wing patches on upper coverts, but I didn't notice tail length or shape, nor was I using binoculars. Attempts to find the bird again failed.

At 12:45 p.m. I heard a four/five note vocalization, obviously a dove but with a different melody and tempo from mourning dove: whoo-OOH-OOH-oo oo, which I recognized as a white-winged dove. The whitewing was sitting on a utility line above my garage, and I viewed it for about a minute with 10x40 binoculars at a range of about 80 feet, then went inside to get a camera. I photographed the bird at both 80 feet, and again at 55 feet, for almost five minutes before it flew a short distance and landed briefly among three mourning doves, all of which then flushed and disappeared.

Description: The bird was clearly a Zenaida dove, although a bit bulkier than a mourning dove. Overall length appeared slightly smaller, due to the shorter, rounder tail. The beak was noticeably longer and slightly more downcurved than on the mourning doves, a trait especially noticeable while they briefly perched together. The dark facial marking was longer and thinner than on a mourning dove, extending farther toward the throat. The large area of blue skin around the eye was not observed, perhaps due to the poor light conditions. The distance was too great to note eye color.

The white wing markings were distinct, and ran along the lower edge of the folded wing on the secondaries and tertials, partially obscured by the overhanging scapulars. The tail was rounded, with the lowest one-quarter appearing white on the underside. The upperparts were smooth gray-brown, with no spots on the wing. The underparts were a slightly lighter shade of gray-brown, although there appeared to be some lightening of the tone toward the belly and flanks. The leg color was pinkish, identical to a mourning dove.

Previous experience with the species: I've seen many, many white-winged doves on trips to the Southwest, Gulf coast and Mexico.

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Voting Tabulation - Round One

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

Date of Sighting: 29 June 1998 to 3 July 1998

Location: SCHUYLKILL HAVEN

County: SCHUYLKILL

Observer(s): Scott Weidensaul

Date of Submission: 1998

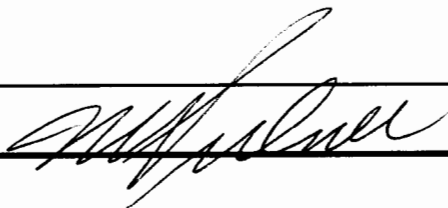
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WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO YES SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
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P. Hess	X							
R. Ickes	X							
J. McWilliams	X							
B. Reid	X							X
P. Rodewald	X							
TOTALS	6							12
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 9/28/02