





413-03-2005

UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

**Species (common & scientific):** White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica*

**Number of Individuals:** 1      **Sex(es):** ?

**Age(s) & Plumage(s):** Adult

**Date Seen:** 12/13/05 (present 12/9 – 12/20)    **Time: Approx.** 7:30 – 8:00 AM

**Where Seen** (Town/County: Upper Makefield Twp., Bucks Co.

**Exact Location** (Park, Road, Lake): 1 Taylor Way

**Observer Reporting:**

**Name:** August Mirabella

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**Found By:** Megan Rusnak- daughter of homeowner & resident there

**Other Observers** (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you): None

**Distance to Bird:** 25 feet to 50 ft.

**Viewing Conditions** (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): Clear, initially the bird was in the early morning shade of the house. Then it was up in a tree in bright sun with the sun at my right.

**Optical Equipment Used:** 7X42 Zeiss Bins & Leica 77APO w/20–60X Zoom

**Habitat:** Well wooded residential neighborhood with many shrubs, pines, spruces, and deciduous trees.

**Description** (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage: The bird was approx. the same size as the Mourning Doves it was with. The white wing strip along the lower edge of the folded wing while sitting was obvious. When it flew, the white wing patch with dark primaries was well seen. The pale undertail coverts and black tail with broad white terminal band from underneath were also well seen while it was sitting high in a tree. The black streak below the auricular area was well defined. The overall body color was much like a Mourning Dove but it didn't have the black spots on the wings and back of Mourning Dove. I didn't really compare every part of its body with the adjacent Mourning Doves. In the pictures taken, the red eye with blue ring can be seen.

**Behavior** (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing): Eating on the ground and sunning itself with the other doves in a tree.

**Vocalizations:** None

**Supporting Evidence if Any** (include with report):

Four photos are attached that were taken by Howard B. Eskin 670 Whittaker Way, Harleysville, PA 18944

**Separation from Similar Species** (How you eliminated others): Key differences with the Mourning Dove were the white wing patches and the lack of black spots which the MODO doesn't have, and the undertail pattern where the MODO has a pale pattern. No other doves have similar patterns.

**Discussion** (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it):

**Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species:** Have seen many in the southwest.

**Are you positive of your ID?** (Why or why not): Yes, no indication of it being a hybrid or any other species. It was seen well.

**References:**

During Observation: None

After Observation: Sibley's; my video; Photos

**Date of report:** 12/14/2005

**Signature of Observer:** August Mirabella



# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: White-winged Dove (Zenaida asiatica)

Date of Sighting: 13 December 2005 to 20 December 2005

Location: UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): August Mirabella et al.

Date of Submission: 2006

Submitted by: August Mirabella, Howard Eskin

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

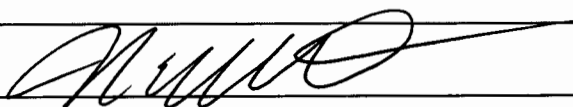
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
J. Heller	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/10

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

7/24/06