

## PA Rare Bird Report

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<b>Observer's Address</b>	711 W. Foster Ave. State College PA 16801 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Betsy Manlove
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	White-winged Dove
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Zenaida asiatica
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	06-03-2017 8:40 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
<b>County</b>	Blair
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	near Williamsburg
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	from the Lower Trail where a power line crosses near mile marker 8, it was on the other side of the Juniata River near the end of Cove Forge Rd
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.48630, -78.17223
<b>Habitat</b>	edge of forest and a small development, next to Frankstown Branch of Juniata River
<b>Distance to bird</b>	60 yd
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	excellent, clear conditions, relatively low wind
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	both used Swarovski 8x32 EL
<b>Description</b>	I first heard a low and plaintive "who-cooks-for-you" call and saw the bird that gave the call perched on the crossarm of an electric pole about 60 yd away, across the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River. It was a dove, about the size of a mourning dove. We both saw the white edge to the forewing. I took 2 pictures with a Canon Digital Rebel at 135 mm. In the submitted picture, although indistinct, you can see the left white forewing. After about 1 min, it fluttered down toward the ground and we both saw more extensive white patches on the forward part of the wing.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	It called, I saw it, it sat still at first, then moved slightly on the electric pole crossbar, then fluttered down to the ground with the same partial-flapping wing motion as a mourning dove employs. This took about 1 min.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

The call and white patches eliminated Mourning Dove and Eurasian Collared Dove.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

Similar seasonal timing as 2 previous reports discussed in Birds of Pennsylvania (McWilliams and Brauning).  
I saw many white-winged doves in Mexico during a 2014 trip.

**Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)**

Yes, I had a great look and observed 2 key field marks (call and white patches)

**During**

Sibley phone app

**After**

National Geographic Guide, Birds of PA

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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