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RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

White-winged Dove

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DATE REPORT PREPARED:

6/6/06

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

6/5/06

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

At the residence of Mike Hunter in Labelle, ID about 10 miles south of Rexburg, Jefferson County.

HABITAT:

Riparian Cottonwood forest with brushy understory

CONDITIONS:

Sunny and warm, about 75 degrees, light wind. Binocs used are Nikon 10 x 42 Premier, distance 15-30 yards. Sun was from above at approximately 10:00am. Duration of visual observation about ten minutes.

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

No, not at all

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

No, not at all

WHAT GUIDE(S) OR REFERENCE(S) DID YOU CONSULT?:

I reviewed field marks, including written description of calls, in Sibley Guide to Birds before the observation. I did not listen to calls before the observation but I did listen to WW Dove on Peterson Western Birds CD on 6/6/06.

#### DESCRIPTION:

Large pale dove superficially resembling Eurasian Collared-Dove. Brownish gray overall appearance, light blue orbital ring, upper side of central rectrices on folded tail light brown with no white, underside of folded tail black with extensive white tip, dark gray undertail coverts, upperside of spread tail showed black band between white tips of rectrices and gray bases of rectrices. Folded wings had obvious clean white bar running along lower edge, in flight producing contrasting white bar between dark primaries and paler mantle.

#### BEHAVIOR:

During visual observation the bird spent most of the time perched in trees near feeders. It did perch on, and take seed from, a hanging feeder for two or three minutes. Before the bird was visible I heard it calling three or four times during approximately a one or one and a half minute period. Call was dove-like cooing but seemed loud and had a wooden quality. Call structure variable but one sequence was very similar to the "Who cooks for you" call of Barred Owl, only with slightly slower tempo.

#### HOW AND WHEN DID YOU POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE BIRD, AND WHAT CLINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU?

The bird had been previously identified. I knew when I heard the call that it was a White-winged Dove. That was confirmed when the bird came to the feeding station about five minutes later. White-winged Dove is distinctive and unmistakable.

#### HOW DID YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR SPECIES, AND WHAT WERE THEY?

No other dove has extensive white on the wings.

#### EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

I've seen and heard numerous Mourning Doves for many years and I am very familiar with them. I have seen Eurasian Collared Doves regularly during the past four years. I have no prior experience with White-winged Dove.

#### GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

13 years.

#### WERE PHOTO(S), VIDEO, AND/OR AUDIO OBTAINED BY YOU?:

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