

1976-04

## Inca Dove

Date: 23 June - 1 July 1976

Location: Knob, Kane Co., UT

Description: Subject bird was very small, about half the size of a mourning dove, and similarly shaped. The body was uniformly gray & at close range had a scaly appearance. When observed in flight, the bird had rufous on the basal  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the primaries, & white patch on the outer corners of the tail.

Voice: coo-coo, coo-coo, coo-coo.

Behavior: The bird was usually heard before seen. It would feed in our yard or on the high school yard next door, usually in the evening. Was seldom seen in the mornings. The wings made a distinctive rustling or rattling sound in flight.

Observers: Steve & V.J. Hedges