

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Inca Dove

Scientific Name: Columbina Inca

Date: 10/12/86

Time: 6:30am

Length of time observed: 6:30-7:30am
(one hour)

Number: One

Age: Adult

Sex: Sex simular

Location: Rockville Utah

Latilong:

Elevation (if known): 3000 feet

Distance to bird: 30 feet

Light conditions: Bright sunlight

Optical equipment: 8x40 Leitz

Weather: Clear and Cool

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

A small Sparrow sized Dove. Upper and Lower parts basically grayish, the bird was 6-7 inches long. It had conspicuous scaled pattern on the back and wings. With a long tapered tail, nearly as long as it's body. When the bird flew the tail flashed white on the corners. The rufous brown primaries were exposed clearly when the bird flew.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

No call was heard.

Behavior:

The bird was sighted while feeding on the ground with a small flock of White Crowned Sparrows. (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) Unlike the sparrows it walked while feeding, bobbing it's head as it walked. It appeared fairly tame.

Habitat:

Farmyard, apple orchard, small farm pond

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

The only similar species are:

1. Morning Dove- Much larger, lacks scale pattern on back, body is more brown.
2. Common Ground Dove- Lacks scale pattern on back, tail is short and rounded.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have observed Inca Doves numerous times in the Tucson and Phoenix Az. area. Also seen several times in the So. Nevada area. I have observed Common Ground Doves numerous times in the Southeast Arizona area, and also in the Imperial County Ca. area.

books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

National Geographic Field guide to North American Birds
Audubon Master Guide to Birding Vol. #2

Significance of record in this area or the state:

First in the immediate area 6th or 7th for the state

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting XX notes made later from memory

Observer:

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

None

Date prepared:

10/24/86

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