

APPENDIX V
UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS by Nelson Boschen
UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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Latilong _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Inca Dove
Scientific Name Columbina inca
Obs. date Nov. 10, 1990 ^{plus} Time(s) 1110-1143 (see more at bottom of page)
Duration of obs. 33 min.
Distance from bird 15' to 35'
Light conditions Full sun behind my left shoulder
Optical equip. Nikon 9X30 DCF binos
Photo equip. OM1, w/ 85-205 zoom lens (on 205mm)
Notes made at time of sighting
Notes made later from memory

Weather at time of this observation.
Clear, calm, ~60°F.

Prior weather and number of days since change


Locality Backyard Feeder in Moab, UT

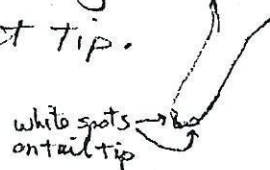
Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
Total number observed.	Males _____ Females _____ ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns <u>1</u>	Adults _____ Juv/Imms _____ 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns <u>1</u>	Breeding _____ Transition _____ Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____ Winter _____ Light ph. _____ Other _____	Available _____ Enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>one</u>				

Latilong block number 18

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

About 8" l. (or ~ 2/3 length of a mourning dove), w/ a 3" l. tail (slightly less than 1/2 total length). Ground color overall a pale gray w/ a hint of brown here + there, except undertail coverts which were close to pure white. Almost everywhere covered w/ a scale pattern (dark edging to feather tips), though less so around the beak + chin area, paler and sparser on the head, + finer on the breast extending along the sides flanks, but absent on the undertail coverts. Tail dark gray, w/ the white of the outer tail feathers always hidden (in perching positions) except for a visible large white dot on each side of the tip. While preening, the rust on the primaries behind their slate-colored tips was visible. Only "scales" were present, i.e., not a speck of a spot anywhere on the wings or elsewhere. Bill all dark gray + contrasting well against the pale face. Legs + feet a dull pink or orange-pink. Eye only showed black even in full sun + orbital ring was pale gray (no obvious blue tint). Tail narrow, roughly pointed at tip.

Underside of tail when lifted during preening appeared to have long whitish lengths behind dark tips → 

white spots on tail tip → 

Nov. 27, 1990: I observed the bird again for 15 minutes. It had all except one tail feather missing, lost during the previous 2 days (when it was not seen). The feather appeared to be somewhere left of center + was mostly pure white w/ only a short black section extending from its base on the left side ~ 1" beyond the uppertail coverts →

Bird present at least part of most days from Nov. 9 through at least Dec. 1, when this report is being mailed.

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Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

Dark eye, + the non-blue pale orbital ring.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Common Ground Dove: Bill. not all dark; spots on wings; much shorter tail; not a maze of "scales" everywhere.

Mourning Dove: Tail + neck too long; has prominent spots on wings; "scaling", even on immatures, does not approach such density as on Inca Dove here.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

Perched on a T clothesline pole 5' h. for many minutes, then flew to flat-board seed feeder + ate for ~4 min; then flew to a 4' h. Flat-topped corner fence post (for the remainder of my time here) where it preened. Only other birds present were 25 or so House Sparrows + one D-e. (OR) Junco, none of which it seemed to be bothered by even at close range on the feeder.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Yard w/ green grassy lawn, completely surrounded by a solid board fence, + interspersed w/ many vines, bushes + small fruit trees.

Describe bird's song or sounds. None.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds? Seen regularly thru 1981 at Big Bend N.P., TX; not since then. Com. Ground Doves seen rarely in Florida visits. Mourning Doves seen often since childhood (~30 yrs ago).

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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