

Common Name: Inca Dove Scientific Name: *Columbina inca*
 Date: 12 Feb 1991 Time: 1530 Length of time observed: 5 min.
 Number: 2 Age: adult Sex: probably a male & female
 Location: Washington City, Washington Co.

Latilong: 19 Elevation (if known): ~ 3,000 feet

Distance to bird: ~ 50-60 feet Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: 7x35 binocs

Weather: clear, 65°, no wind

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

Birds were small, not much larger than a sparrow. Shape was similar to Mourning Dove, but tail not pointed. Coloration was grayish overall, with a darker edge on the feathers, giving the birds a "scaly" appearance. Ruffs was observed on the outer primaries as the birds sat in a tree. Tail was about $\frac{1}{3}$ of ^{total} body length, with a rounded tip.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: not heard

Behavior: Birds were observed sitting in an apple tree in a garden. Did not move.

Habitat: Urban neighborhood.

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

Mourning Dove is larger, lacks scaly appearance to plumage, & has a pointed tail.

Ground Dove has a shorter tail & scaling is confined to head & breast.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have observed Inca & Ground doves many times in S. Arizona.

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

none

Significance of record in this area or the state:

3rd record for Lot. 19.

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

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

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