

# Long Point Bird Observatory Rare Bird Report Form

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In order that any sight record or banding of a rare species can be confirmed for the historical record, it must be properly documented. LPBO cooperators are therefore asked to complete a form in every case where a rarity is being claimed. Guidance as to which species are considered rare in the Long Point area may be obtained from the LPBO Program Coordinator and in the Long Point Area Checklist found in *A Birding Guide to Long Point Area*. Each observer should prepare his/her description independently and preferably before consulting any field guides or other literature.

**PLEASE PRINT.**

**Species claimed:** White-winged Dove

**No. of birds:** 1

**Age:** Probable first cycle (hatch-year)

**Sex:** Unknown

**Date(s):** November 15, 2012

**Place:** Tip of Long Point

**Time(s) of Observation:** Between 1000 and 1530

**Who first saw the bird(s):** Matt Slaymaker

**Who first identified it:** Stu Mackenzie

**Other observers (names and addresses):**

**Any who disagree:** No

**Your previous experience with the species:** Extensive

**Your previous experience with any closely similar species:** Extensive

**(a) Formerly:**

**(b) Same day:**

**Species present for comparison:** American Tree Sparrow

**Which were beside it for comparison:** Slate-colored Junco

**Distance from observer(s):** 5 – 20 m

**How measured:** Estimate

**Optical aids used:** Eyes

**Weather conditions (at time of observation)**

**Visibility:** 30+ km

**Cloud Cover:** 0

**Lighting:** Bright

**Wind direction and speed:** Light easterlies

**Circumstances:**

On November 15, Matt and I visited the Tip for a final shutdown visit. We were busy most of the day winterizing buildings and putting equipment away. Matt observed the tail end of a 'mystery' bird on a couple of occasions around the feeders of the Tip house, but never saw enough of it to really draw any conclusions. Finally around 1400 he flushed the bird off the ground into some Red Cedars and said 'OK, wait a minute' and yelled over to me. We flushed the bird out of the cedars and into the cottonwoods to reveal a White-winged Dove. It remained in the area until we left around 1530.

**Description:**

**Give separate description for (a) in the field (b) in the hand. Include full measurements and wing formula with hand descriptions. Include reasons for the elimination of other species.**

Large gray dove with white wing flashes. Faint orange eye colour and limited blue surrounding the eye and in the lores would suggest a first-cycle (hatch-year) bird. No plumage details were observed to aid in age determination.



White-winged Dove at the Tip of Long Point November 15, 2012. Photo Stu Mackenzie

**Did you refer to any guides/other literature:** no

**(a) at the time:** no

**(b) afterwards:** National Geographic

**Finally, is this record 100% certain?** Yes

**Signed:**

**E-mail Address:** smackenzie@birdscanada.org

**Date:** January 21, 2013

**Mailing Address:** c/o LPBO