

# 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):** May 22, 2015

**Place:** Tip of Long Point

**Time(s) of Observation:** 0845

**Who first saw the bird(s):** Laura Mackenzie

**Who first identified it:** Stuart 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:** Mourning Dove

**Which were beside it for comparison:** Red-winged Blackbird

**Distance from observer(s):** 50m

**How measured:** Estimate

**Optical aids used:** Eyes and Swarovski EL 8.5x42

**Weather conditions (at time of observation)** n/a

**Visibility:****Cloud Cover:** 0**Lighting:** Bright**Wind direction and speed:** Light easterlies**Circumstances:**

Flyby. Large, bulky dove with directed flight, approached from the east and headed west past the main entrance and along Hwy 59 probably ended up flying south of the Old Cut Lighthouse. Large gray dove with rounded wings compared to modo and pounded direct flight. Dark flight feathers contrasted white greater coverts remarkably. White reflected brightly in direct sunlight. Tail appeared dark and square with large white tips. Brownish head and chest contrasted gray body and undertail - small black malar stripe present. Observed for about 30 to 45 as with Laura Mackenzie as it flew by. No other features were noted.

**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.**

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**Did you refer to any guides/other literature:** no**(a) at the time:** no**(b) afterwards:** no**Finally, is this record 100% certain?** Yes**Signed:**

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