



Dove Identification

	Mourning Dove	White-winged Dove	Inca Dove
Length	12"	11"	8"
Coloring	Gray-brown with black dots on wings. Male has iridescent colors on sides of neck.	Light gray-brown. Conspicuous white line along edge of closed wings, white patches across center of open wings. Small black dash below cheek. Red eye surrounded by blue skin.	Small, dark-tipped feathers create a scalloped effect all over body. Reddish brown wing tips visible on open wings. Plain slender dark bill.
Tail	Long, pointed tail	Rounded tail with white on two outer sides.	Long tail with white along sides and corners.
Habitat	Any open habitat throughout continental U.S. and Mexico.	Dry open habitat in Southwestern U.S. and Mexico.	Cactus & mesquite habitat plus parks and gardens in Southwestern U.S. and Mexico.
Call	Oo-ah-oo-oo-oo	"Who cooks for you?"	Continuous oo-oo, second note lower than the first
Nestling <u>Doves do not gape. If they don't self-feed, they must be tube-fed.</u>	Long, dark, narrow beak with white dot at tip. Gray mouth. White to gray down, dark gray skin. Short pink legs.	Long, dark, narrow beak with white dot at tip. Down and feathers of white-winged nestlings are grayer than those of other doves, and the distinctive white line on wings becomes apparent early. Short, gray legs.	Long, dark narrow beak with white dot at tip. Gray mouth. Sparse, buff down with gray skin. Short, gray legs.
Diet <u>All doves are ground feeders.</u>	Adult: Seeds, snails, fruits, nuts, grain, insects.	Adult: seeds, acorns, cactus fruit.	Adult: seeds and grain
Other <u>All doves are easily imprinted</u>	Female is plainer than male, who puffs out his throat, bobs his tail and coos for the female's attention. Unmated males will do aerial diving display.	May cling to plants when feeding. Often roosts and nests in colonies. Male will spread his tail and wings when calling female. This is the calmest dove.	Male and female are identical. Does bowing display with tail held vertical and fanned.