

## FIELD NOTES

### First White-winged Dove Sighting in Kentucky

On April 14, 2002, my wife Kathy and I identified a White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica*, in our back yard in Murray, Calloway County. The bird was present for the next four days, with the last sighting on April 18. It routinely fed on the ground under our feeders. It was fairly aggressive towards other birds. Often this bird called and since it was warm we had the windows open and could hear the very distinctive call quite plainly.

On the afternoon of April 20, I received a note by e-mail from Mr. Steve White, not the Murray State University professor, telling me that he had had a White-winged Dove at his feeders from April 17, 2002. I went to his home at 16441 US Route 68-E in Aurora, Marshall County, Kentucky, located directly across from the Lakeland Resort Motel and for one hour I observed this bird. It was indeed a White-winged Dove. Because this bird was spotted at his feeders on April 17, and since "my" bird was at my house all day on that date, I believe these are two different birds.

I have turned in proper forms for the Kentucky Bird Records Committee in that the bird at my house was a Kentucky first. David Roemer obtained several excellent images of the bird on April 16 as it sat in a tree in our back yard (see cover photo). ---**CARL MOWERY**, 1406 Vine Street, Murray, Kentucky 42071.