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ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

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This month, we're exploring White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*). Check out these fun facts:

- They have a mutually symbiotic relationship with saguaros; doves are key pollinators and seed predators, but once digested, they spread the saguaro seed by pooping them out in the Sonoran Desert.
- During breeding season, the doves rely almost exclusively on saguaro cacti for nutrients and water.
- Crevices and openings in the saguaro provide shelter and shade for the doves during the hot summer.

Sources:

- **Migratory Pollinators Program: White-winged Doves** (*Zenaida asiatica*) - <https://desertmuseum.org/pollination/doves.php>