

☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD☐ NEW STATE RECORD☒ ACCEPTED☐ REJECTED *9/26/75*Species: SCOTT'S ORIOLE

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 3, 1975Time Bird Seen: 9:05 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.Locality: WatertonNearest Town: LittletonCounty: Arapahoe

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Urling Kingery, Thompson Marsh, Ralph Sargent, Doug &amp; Judy Ward, Mary Cornelius,

Andy Wilbur, Ted Haase, Joe Rolser, Tom Kerwin, Robert Spencer, Edie Trimmer

Floyd Pendell

Optical Equipment: 7 x 35 binocs; Thompson had 10/50If photographed, type of equipment used: noneLight Conditions: sunny, good lightDistance from bird (how measured): 50 feet--straight up.Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: -- Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

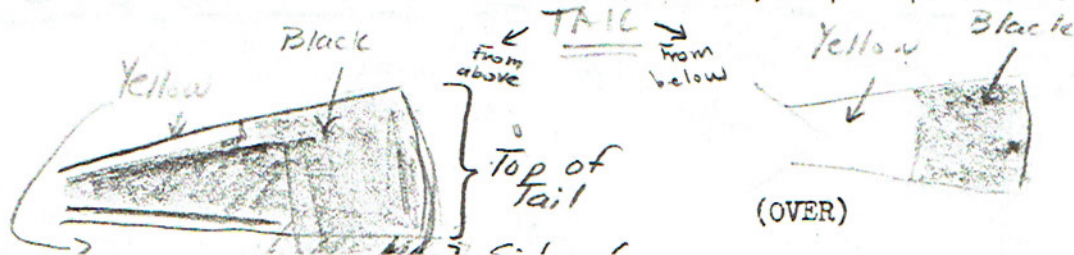
The bird flew into the top of a cottonwood tree and fed, at the top, for the half hour our necks could watch it. It picked insects (?) off the catkins, pirouetting around them and showing all of its field marks--except it managed to keep the top of the tail concealed from view most of the time.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Size of a robin; oriole shape, with the typical long pointed oriole bill. It had a black head--hood actually, as it came down to cover the upper chest, a ~~black~~ black back, black wings with one white wing bar and a yellow wedge at the base of the wings--formed by the black wings, black back, and black hood. The tail was black on top, with a narrow yellow edges on the upper half. The <sup>basal half of the</sup> bottom of the tail was ~~black~~ yellow, ~~at the base~~, and the outer half black, ~~the tip~~ (see drawings). The yellow base on the ventral side of the tail lapped over the edge of the dorsal side of the tail, providing the narrow yellow band and on the upper half of the dorsal side. The lower chest and breast and belly were also yellow. The yellow was a bright lemon-type yellow color. The hood was ragged--across the breast--i.e., it did not have a definite, even line between the two colors.

And see descriptions of other observers, attached.

\* the yellow on the top of the tail was not nearly as conspicuous as Robbins shows; it was closer to Peterson in Mexican birds, or perhaps even less noticeable.





Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

No sound.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Cottonwood river bottom, in a cottonwood with catkins in full bloom (or whatever they do). One hundred yards below the Waterton bridge, beside the South Platte River.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Bright lemon yellow and the crisp black hood

~~Yellow~~ eliminates all orioles except Black-headed and various other Mexican types. The white wing bar, black back, and yellow on the tail eliminate all the Mexican species, including the Black-headed.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I've seen the Scotts in Arizona, California, and Nevada several times, including about a month ago. I haven't seen any of the Mexican ones, ~~Black-headed in Mexico.~~

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:

We all used Birds of North America, and learned what field marks to look for to eliminate similar species. A review of Peterson's Mexican Guide helps in checking the other Mexican species.

This report was written from notes made during xx after xx observation; from memory

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Field notes by observers of Scott's Oriole, May 3, 1975.

Urling Kingery

Black head attached to black back. Yellow wing patch like bar, white wing bar below that. Yellow breast. Yellow bars down sides of tail.

Joe Roller.

Size and shape of Northern Oriole. Seen 15 min., 50 feet in top of tree. Great light, 7x50 glasses. "Goldfinch" yellow sides and belly. Black head, eye, back and wings. Rump yellow. White wing mark. Tail black above, yellow below, black tip below. Black of back extends down back farther than on picture in Robbins, making rump look smaller.

Andy Wilbur

Yellow underside, black head, yellow comes down on back of tail, yellow comes underneath and down on tail. Slight wing bar.

Judy Ward

Black head. Bright yellow body (yellow like Am. Goldfinch). Yellow up toward rump. Undertail coverts yellow. Undertail black tip. One white wing bar. Yellow "bar" in front shoulder. Dark back.

Doug Ward (Age 9)

Black head, black back and wings and Redstart tail pattern. White and yellow wing bars. Time seen, 9:15.

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R. Spencer \*

Cottonwoods, feeding catkins.

Black bill, black hood, yellow belly, yellow halfway down undertail. Large yellow wing bar. White wing bar. Black wings & tail. 9:05--9:20 a.m.



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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD REPORT  
 RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORC FILE #

Accepted 9/26/75

Species: SCOTT'S ORIOLE  
 (Vernacular Name)

ICTERUS PAVISORUM  
 (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): MAY 3, 1975 Time Bird Seen: 9:10 AM to 9:25 AM

Locality: WATERTON, COLORADO - 50-75 YDS DOWNSTREAM - BRIDGE - S. PLATTE

Nearest Town: WATERTON

County: JEFFERSON

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

HUGH KIRKLEY

THOMPSON MARSH

OTHERS

Optical Equipment: ZEISS 10x40

Light Conditions: EXCELLENT

Distance from Bird (how measured): 100 FT ESTIMATED - BIRD HIGH TOP OF COTONWOOD

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: ADULT - SPRING

Overall Appearance and Size: ORIOLE TYPE

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): LONG STRAIGHT - DARK

Legs (shape and color): DID NOT OBSERVE

Crown and Forehead: BLACK

Eye (color) DARK

Nape: BLACK

Face: BLACK

Throat: BLACK

Breast and Sides: YELLOW

Belly and Flanks: YELLOW

Undertail Coverts: YELLOW

Back: BLACK

Wings: BLACK - YELLOW ON SHOULDER - SLIGHT WHITE PATCHES

Underwings: DID NOT OBSERVE

Rump: YELLOW

Uppertail Coverts: YELLOW

Upper Side of Tail: YELLOW - BLACK - YELLOW OUTER TAIL FEATHERS

Under Side of Tail: YELLOW + BLACK - YELLOW ONE HALF LENGTH OF TAIL

Shape of Tail: LONG - WIDE

Voice: DID NOT HEAR

Behavior: BIRD MOVING AROUND AT TOP OF MATURE COTONWOOD - SOMETIMES  
 QUITE STILL SO OBSERVATION VERY CLEAR

Habitat: AT TOP OF MATURE COTONWOOD ALONG SOUTH PLATTE

Prior Experience with this Species: NAIVE

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? MOST SIMILAR SPECIES BLACK-HEADED  
 ORIOLE. BLACK-HEADED HAS YELLOW BACK. SCOTT'S ORIOLE BLACK BACK - THIS  
 DIFFERENCE DISTINCTLY OBSERVED. ALSO DIFFERENCE IN TAIL. BLACK-HEADED  
 TAIL - BLACK. SCOTT'S YELLOW OUTER TAIL FEATHERS HALF LENGTH OF TAIL. THIS  
 DIFFERENCE CLEARLY OBSERVED ON UNDERSIDE OF TAIL. WHERE ONE HALF  
 LENGTH OF TAIL ON UNDERSIDE YELLOW ACROSS WHOLE TAIL. LESS DISTINCTLY  
 OBSERVED ON UPPEr SIDE OF TAIL BECAUSE BIRD SO HIGH IN TREE

This Report was Written From: Notes made during-- after X observation; Memory X

Ralph Sargent



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Species: Scott's Oriole ? Icterus parisorum  
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 5-3-75 Time Bird Seen: about 9:00 to about 9:10

Locality: Waterton

Nearest Town: Waterton County: Jefferson

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>Nugh Ringery</u>		
<u>Ralph Sargent</u>		
<u>Bob Spencer</u>		

Optical Equipment: 7 X 50 and 20 X 60 Teles

If photographed, type of equipment used: —

Light Conditions: good

Distance from bird (how measured): 40-50 feet estimated (top of big cottonwood)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: It moved about occasionally near the top of a big cottonwood

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

The size + shape of a Bullock's Oriole, but somewhat plumper. Black head, eye, bill, back, breast, wings, + tail; bright yellow belly, sides, under tail coverts + far along base of tail, rump, + part way down sides of tail. This latter feature was glimpsed only once, through the 20x60's, because the bird stayed so high + didn't spread its tail. There was also a bright yellow patch on shoulder, + a white wing bar.



Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

*I haven't heard anything for years.*

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

*in a big cottonwood ~~at the~~ near the South Platte River.*

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

*Black-headed is a dull greenish yellow + this color includes the back. Male Baltimore is orange + has orange sides at tip of tail. Scotts has bright yellow sides at base of tail. The black band across tip of tail was conspicuous from below*

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: *I have seen all of the North American Orioles + have seen several Scotts in Texas + Arizona*

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

*Robbins, Bruen + Z in in hand + I watched the bird*

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_ observation; from memory ✓

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