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for Colorado Field Ornithologists

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Scott's Oriole Icterus parisorum (unusual for East slope)

Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site - Road to Burson Camp

5/22/96 1205 pm Las Animas County, Colorado

1 ♂ adult plumage - ~ 20 meters away, flew across road directly in front of me and perched atop a One-seeded Juniper, Juniperus monosperma

One other person, a non-birder was present. Steve West

This was a black & yellow oriole, which eliminates all of the orange & brick red orioles. It had a black head, back, and wings. Two whitish wing-bars were visible when he perched. The black back eliminates Audubon's, which is more greenish yellow & shouldn't occur in P/S habitat.

I ~~would~~ ^{won't} compare it with the 3 yellow "Mexican" orioles that might look somewhat similar, Black-headed, Bar-winged & Black-crowned except to say only the Bar-winged has white wing bar (one), and is not reported north of Oaxaca & is usually associated with oaks.

This is the 3rd Scott's for the vicinity of PCMS, one other on private East of the Burgatorie, and one a few years ago at Bernack's Ranch ~ 6 miles east of this location. There is plenty of suitable habitat & maybe they breed on PCMS on occasion. We haven't had the money yet to do P/S & canyon bird surveys. Maybe next year.

This bird did not call or sing. I am very familiar with it from my

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work & living in both SE Arizona & in Central New Mexico.

I use Zeiss 10x40 binoculars

I did not ~~see~~ observe any other details.

This was written from memory 2 days after observation.