

Species: SCOTT'S ORIOLE
(Vernacular name)Icterus parisorum
(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): 08 AUGUST 1979 Time Bird Seen: 0930 to 10:00Locality: R102N T2N S7 (40°09'N 108°53'N) 4.6 MILES WEST & 3 MILES
NORTH OF PARKLEY, RIO BLANCO CO. COLORADO
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: 7X35 BINOC

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 5 Sex: ♂ & 4 JUV. Plumage: ♀ ADULT & 1ST YEAR PLUM FOR JUV.Light conditions: MOONLIT - NO CLOUDSDistance from bird, and how measured: 10 METERS - PAVED

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

FEEDING ON INSECTS IN GREASEWOOD, FLYING FROM BUSH TO BUSH.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

GREASEWOOD (Eurobatus vermiculatus)Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

ALL BIRDS WERE ABOUT 15 TO 20 CM LONG WITH THE TYPICAL ORIOLE LONG BILL & TAIL.
PLUMAGE & COLOR WERE SIMILAR DULL YELLOW, BLACK WINGS & WHITE WINGBARS; STREAKED BACKS. 3 HAD BLACK BIBS.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

NONE EXCEPT OCCASIONAL CHIRPS WHILE FORAGING.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

NO OTHER ORIOLES IN THE AREA HAD THE EXTENSIVE YELLOW OF THE SCOTT'S OR THE HEAVY BACK STREAKING.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

OBSERVATIONS OF HOODED, NORTHERN & SCOTT'S ORIOLE

This report was written from notes made during ☒ after ☐ observation; from memory ☐.

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