

Species: SAGE OROULE  
(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): 06 AUGUST 1979 Time Bird Seen: 0800 to 0810Locality: SOUTH PIUTE (R108W T2N S19) (40°07'N, 108°59'W) ABOUT 12 MILES  
WEST OF RAINIER, RIO BLANCO CO, COLORADO  
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: 8x24 7035 BINOC.

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂? Plumage: ADULT BREEDINGLight conditions: AFTERNOON - NO CLOUDSDistance from bird, and how measured: 20 METERS - PACE

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

PERCHED IN GREASEWOOD SINGING

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

JUNIPER (Juniperus osteosperma) & MOUNTAIN BRUSH.Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):  
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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.

BLACK HEAD, BACK, BREAST, WINGS & INNER & TERMINAL  
RECTRICES

YELLOW BELLY & RUMP & OUTER RECTRICES

LENGTH:  $\approx$  20 CM

BILL: LONG & NARROW

TAIL: " ( $\approx$  7-8 CM)

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

SONG SIMILAR TO WESTERN MEADOWLARK, DELIVERED FROM  
PERCH.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE HAS YELLOW BACK & BLACK TAIL  
NORTHERN ORIOLE IS BLACK & ORANGE

Prior experience with this and similar species:

OBSERVED SCOTT'S IN THIS AREA & SO. CALIFORNIA &  
ARIZONA.

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

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