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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): 17 JUNE 1979 Time Bird Seen: 12:30 to 14:00Locality: POUNING MINE (R102W T3N S3E) (40°12'N 108°48'W) 8 MILES
NORTHWEST OF PANGO, RIO BLANCO CO, COLORADO
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: 7X35 BINOCULARS

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: ADULT - BREEDINGLight conditions: OVERCAST - NO CLOUDSDistance from bird, and how measured: 50 METERS (PACED)Describe the bird's overall behavior: THE BIRD WAS SINGING & WOULD FLY FROM ONE JUNIPER TO ANOTHER WHEN I APPROACHED WITHIN 50 METERS.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

JUNIPER FOOT HILLS (Juniperus osteosperma)

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.

THE BIRD'S SONG FIRST CAUGHT MY ATTENTION & I THOUGHT (WAS A WESTERN MEADOWLARK. IT WAS ABOUT 12 CM. LONG & FLEW AT MY APPROACH. UPON FIRST GLIMPSE I WAS AMAZED BECAUSE I HAD NO IDEA THEY WOULD BE HERE. IT WAS A BREEDING MALE & HAD THE CLASSICAL BLACK HEAD, BREAST, BACK, WINGS & TAIL, PLUS YELLOW BELLY, RUMP & YELLOW OUTER RECTRICES.

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

SONG WAS, AS MENTIONED, SIMILAR TO WESTERN MEADOWLARK. THE SONG WAS DELIVERED FROM A PERCH ON A JUNIPER TREE.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

THE ONLY ORIOLE SUPPOSED TO BE IN THIS AREA IS THE BULLOCK'S RACE OF NORTHERN ORIOLE & THE COLOR PATTERN & SONGS ARE DIFFERENT; THE HABIT IS WRONG FOR NORTHERN ORIOLE & NONE WERE SEEN IN THE JUNIPER COMMUNITY. THE BLACK-HEADED ORIOLE HAS A BLACK TAIL & YELLOW BACK PLUS A DIFFERENT PATTERN.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I HAVE WATCHED THIS ORIOLE IN SOUTHWESTERN UTAH, AS WELL AS THE HOODED & NORTHERN ORIOLES.

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

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