

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): 19 JUNE, 1979 - ♂, ♀ & 2 JUV. 1600-1630  
20 JUNE, 1979 - ♂ 0700-0720  
20 JUNE, 1979 - ♂ & ♀ 1400-1415 Time Bird Seen: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_Locality: R101 WIT3N S 20 & 21 (40°13'N, 108°44'W) ABOUT 12 MILES NORTHEAST  
OF PINEVIEW, RIO PLATON CO., COLORADO  
Nearest town, county and state: \_\_\_\_\_Optical equipment: 7X35 BINOCULARS

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

Number of birds seen: 5/1/2 Sex: ♂, ♀, 3 JUV Plumage: TYPICAL OF AGE & SEX MENTIONEDLight conditions: BOTH MORNING & AFTERNOON LIGHTING - NO CLOUDSDistance from bird, and how measured: 50 METERS TO 200 METERS (RACED)

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

THE JUVENILES & ADULTS STAYED NEAR EACH OTHER ON THE 19TH & WOULD FLY FROM JUNIPER TO JUNIPER.  
ON THE 20TH THE ♂ & ♀ WOULD FLY BUT STAYED IN THE AREA

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

JUNIPER FOOTHILLS (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 ADULTS WERE ABOUT 18 - 20 CM LONG & THE JUVENILE ABOUT 3/4 THAT LENGTH; THE MALE WAS OBVIOUS WITH BLACK HEAD, BREAST, BACK, WINGS & INNER & TERMINAL RECTRICES; THE FEMALE WAS DULLER YELLOW WITH A STREAKED BACK & THE WINGS WERE NOT AS BLACK AS THE MALES; THE JUVENILES WERE VERY SIMILAR TO THE FEMALE BUT COULD BE RECOGNIZED BY THEIR LESS EFFICIENT FLIGHT. ALL BIRDS HAD THE LONG BEAK TYPICAL TO ORIOLES

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

NONE

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

BLACK HENDED ORIOLE IS NOT IN THIS RANGE & HAS BLACK TAIL & YELLOW BACK.

NORTHERN ORIOLE IS ORANGE & BLACK

Prior experience with this and similar species:

PRIOR OBSERVATIONS OF SCOTT'S, HOODED & NORTHERN ORIOLES IN SOUTHWESTERN UTAH

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

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