

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): 05 AUGUST 1979 Time Bird Seen: 0800 to 0805Locality: PAVAL RIDGE (R104W T2N S12) (40°09'N 109°01'W) 13 MILES  
NORTHWEST OF RANNEY, RIO BLANCO CO., COLORADO  
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: 8x24 ZEISS BINOCULARS

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

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: ADULTLight conditions: MORNING - NO CLOUDSDistance from bird, and how measured: 20 METERS (ESTIMATED)

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

SITTING ON A GRASSWOOD SINGING

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

GRASSWOOD (Sarcobatus vermiculatus)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.

SIZE: 20 CM

SHAPE: TAIL ABOUT 8-10 CM  
LONG NARROW BEAK

PLUMAGE & COLOR: BLACK HEAD, PREST, BACK, WINGS & INNER FEATHERS  
RECTRICES  
YELLOW BELLY, RUMP & OUTER RECTRICES

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

SOUNDED LIKE A WESTERN MEADOWLARK; DELIVERED FROM A GREENWOOD.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

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

Prior experience with this and similar species:

WE HAVE OBSERVED BOTH NORTHERN & SCOTT'S ORIOLES THIS SUMMER, I HAVE ALSO SEEN THIS SPECIES IN ARIZONA & SO. CALIFORNIA.

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

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