

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

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1. Species: PAINTED BUNTING Passerina ciris 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Pueblo-later my yard, Pueblo Colorado
4. Date(s): May 2 through May 10, 1972 5. Time bird seen: many times
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):

An adult male flew into a window at Heaton Jr. High. I was called to identify the bird by ~~William~~ Buchanan at 9 am on May 2. I got to the school by 9:10 and the bird was active in a cage. Then I took the bird home and called people to come and see it before I let it go. Over 30 people came. I released it at 6pm and it was observed for eight days. The bird had all field marks of adult male.
7. Description of voice, if heard: none.
8. Description of behavior: Stunned but recovered and feed at feeders in
9. Habitat--my yard general: City-shrubs
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
none!
11. Distance (how measured?): in hand.
12. Optical equipment: eyes.
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
room light-day light to photograph
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Was a life bird for most people.
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
There were few records in Birds of Colorado.
16. Other observers: One class at the Jr. high and over 30 at my house.
17. Did others agree with your identification? Definately yes.
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: All guides used at home and at the school.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
Photographed by several-The best were by Robert Brogger. Oreganzer
Van A. Truen Street Address: 2510 Elizabeth

Signature

Date Prepared: December 19, 1972 City and State: Pueblo, Colorado

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1. Species: Painted Bunting (Passerina ciris ciris)
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
2. Number: 1
3. Location: 2510 Elizabeth St. Pueblo, Colorado
also in back yard later
4. Date(s): May 2, 1972
5. Time bird seen: p.m. to several minutes
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
I first saw it - a good typical adult male - (refer to the photographs by Robert Bregenzar) - in the cage at 2510 Elizabeth St. Pueblo, Colo. - it was eating well - didn't seem to be injured. Van turned it loose at 6 p.m. that afternoon. I believe it stayed about a week. I saw it fly down to his back yard feeder with several lazuli buntings several days later.
7. Description of voice, if heard: I don't remember
8. Description of behavior: typical finch
9. Habitat - general: not known - first seen in town when it hit a school window
specific: it hit a school window
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain: There isn't much it could have been confused with
11. Distance (how measured?): estimated
12. Optical equipment: eyes
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): artificial and natural - close range in cage - it fed
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: none with Painted Bunting
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? It was the first Pueblo, Colo. record
16. Other observers: about 30 people
17. Did others agree with your identification? yes
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Van Truan, Jack Randell
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: none really needed - male - violet head green on back. red breast - yellow strip up belly -
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used: David Gresseth's
Signature Street Address: 17 Solar Drive
Date Prepared: April 18, 1973 City and State: Pueblo, Colo. 81005

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