

CFO-ORC FILE # 56-83-54A

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: PAINTED BUNTING

(Vernacular Name)

PASSERINA CIRIS

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): May 15, 1983Number of birds seen: 1Sex: Male

Plumage: \_\_\_\_\_

Locality: North end of Horsetooth Reservoir, Ft. Collins, CO80512Elevation: 5,200Nearest town: BellvueCounty: LarimerTime(s) observed: 10:30 a.m.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): Three minutes before entering boxtrap.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

NONE

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

NONE

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Sunshine

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): NoneDistance, and how measured: 30 ft. - 100 ft. tapeIf photographed, type of equipment and film: 35mm Pentax, ASA 64 Kodacolor IIWho else photographed the bird? NONE

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

First saw bird at drinking station, then it flew into box trap and was captured.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

I am a licensed bird bander and work on U.S. Bureau of Reclamation lands.  
I did band the bird and recorded some measurements. They are:

Wings - 7.2 cmTarsus - 1.9 cmBill - 1 cmTail - 6 cm

Description (continued):

I saw the red breast of the bird first. Field glass in hand, I moved to the window for a better look. Next the bird moved from the water station to the feeder. I then tripped the trap capturing the Painted Bunting. The feeder is 30 feet from the house window.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

NONE

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Open back yard with a number of broad leaf trees and pines.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

There were no other similar appearing species. There were some other Lazuli Buntings also at the feeder.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I have only seen the species once before.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification: No one - I had a good idea that it was a Painted Bunting when I first saw it.

a) at time of observation:

10:30 a.m., May 15, 1983

b) after observation:

Wrote down as much about the bird as I could.

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation X from memory \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and time report was written: May 31, 1983

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