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SPECIES:

Painted Bunting
(Vernacular Name)

Passerina Ciris
(Scientific Name)

DATE(S): 5-12-91

TIME OF OBSERVATION: 10:30 AM TO 10:31 P.M.

EXACT LOCATION: Wooded area E. of Wagon Wheel Campgd-Bonny Res.

NEAREST TOWN: Hale, CO

COUNTY: Yuma

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Jean Maguire - relocated at about 1:00 P.M.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: Swift (Audubon) 8.5 X 44 Binoculars

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny - warm

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: Bird seen from W. to E. sun from South.

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: 35 yds. - stepped it off.

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: one SEX: Male PLUMAGE: Alternate

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: Bird with large flock of mixed-sparrows - clay-colored + Chipping. Appeared on brush momentarily then flew off to right - as did sparrows. (Second sighting was in open campground)

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):

Purplish blue hood -

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.):

Reddish eye-ring - dark eye & lores - otherwise unmarked

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): Dark - Conical

LEGS & FEET: Appeared to be grayish

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): Yellow back - dark wings + tail - red rump.

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.):

completely red through under tail coverts

TAIL FEATHERS (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):

Slightly notched - brownish

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): Brown w/ reddish

tinge. No wing bars

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):

None heard

HABITAT: 1st seen in wooded area to which flock of sparrows flew for refuge from intruder (me) then circled back to camp gds.

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

I've observed many Lazulis and Indigos in past 5 years - in and near foothills.

Painted Bunting is too strikingly different when seen well.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

see above

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

Nat'l Geographic and Audubon Master Guide.

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING AFTER ☒ OBSERVATION; ☐ FROM MEMORY

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