

VERIFICATION FORM

56-75-73

Species: Painted bunting Passerina ciris
 (Common Name) (Scientific)

For Atlas Office Use

Topo Map--Name

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--Number Lat Long # Lat/Long

--Sector SE SW CE CW NE NW

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, for research projects like the Atlas, a written description for unusual species is essential. The final atlas project must have a solid basis, and for unusual records, we require written documentation. By providing the verifying written description you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method. The Atlas Technical Committee will review the report and approve it for inclusion in the Atlas database.

This form will perpetuate your record for examination by others in the future. The Atlas requires this of every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date(s): June 2, 1993 Time seen 10:15 AM to 10:20 AM

Locality

Nearest town & county

Walden, Colorado, Jackson

Number seen	Gender	Ages	Plumage	Photos
1	Males <u>1</u>	Adults <u>1</u>	Breeding <u>1</u>	Transition <u> </u>
	Females <u> </u>	Juv/Imm <u> </u>	Eclipse <u> </u>	Dark phase <u> </u>
	Imm/O <u> </u>	2/3 yr <u> </u>	Winter <u> </u>	Light phase <u> </u>
	Unk <u> </u>	Unk <u> </u>	Other <u> </u>	

Distance from bird(s) 30-35 ft Light conditions bright sun Notes made: At time of sighting None

Optical Equip

Pair of binocularsAfter observation from memory X

Describe Habitat

Bird was on the ground in the backyard. Ground cover consisted of bluegrass and quack grass.

Atlas Breeding Code

Overall behavior. Did it interact with any other birds? Describe.

Bird was walking and feeding on ground and flew and sat on power line for approximately one minute before flying across the street.

Describe all field marks observed: size, color, pattern, shape, bill, etc. Describe any unique features this bird had.

The bird was sparrow sized. Apparently it was an adult male as the bright colors of blue, red, green and yellow is what caught my attention. Otherwise I probably would not have noticed the bird.

What song or sounds did it make?

Don't recall any song or sounds

Field marks not seen. Why not?

NONE

Variation from expected field marks

Looked exactly as pictured in the field guide - Birds of North America (Golden Pt.)

List similar species. Why and how did you eliminate them?

No species looks like the painted bunting that I'm aware of. Once you have seen it, you never forget it.

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Refuge Manager. Have had ornithology courses in college and all assisted with teaching ornithology including field trips. It is the first time I have observed a painted bunting.

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Signature

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