

38-75-17
accepted (6-5)Species: Painted Bunting (male - female)

June 8 - 1995

Date: June 9 - 1995

June 10 - 1995

Time bird seen: 5 pm to 8 pmLocality: West of Drake, CO - place called Cedar Bend (Glen Haven Rd)Optical equipment: Dikon 7X35Number of birds seen: 2 Sex: M & F Plumage: breedingLight conditions: good - early evening sunDistance from bird: first time 10 ft Second & Third 30-40 ftDescribe the bird's overall behavior: eating dandelion seeds in yard - then mistletoe berries from cedarsDescribe the habitat in which you saw the bird: open grassy area fringed with cedar trees.Other observers: Jane Wallower - Mary SchniederDescribe in detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern, details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. Size of a Lazuli Bunting
male had ablue head - chartreuse back - green wings (dark) - very brilliant red breast with red above dark tail & below the chartreuse on the back. Small rather thick bill, not pointed - like a warbler. The male first observed through cabin window by Jane Wallower - bird approx 10 ft outside window - observation at least 10 minutes - bird was over -Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including methods of delivery -- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.: noneList similar species and how you eliminated them: Lazuli Bunting - Painted & Lazuli
about the same size but Lazuli does not have the brilliant red breast or chartreuse and red on the back. Colors of the m. Painted cannot be confused with the Lazuli.Prior experience with this and similar species: have seen Painted Buntings at birding areas in S. Texas. I observed one (male) approx 20 years ago in LovelandThis report was written from notes made: during observationimmediately after observationfrom memoryXSignature: Miriam Mohr

* eating dandelion seeds - Sun was shining on Painted Bunting - Could see the very brilliant red breast - green wing feathers, blue head and Chartreuse on back - The male then flew into the cedar trees in yard.
Second & third sightings - 9th + 10th of June, 1995

Female was with male - same area - male first spotted on the ground - 30 - 40 ft. away -

female - olive gold in appearance ^{same size as male,} was in a cedar tree when male flew into the tree. The male head, wing & back showed their brilliant colors again.