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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 | Passerina ciris
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 24 June 1995Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Adult ♂ Plumage: AltLocality: Cottonwood Canyon Elevation: _____Nearest town: Campo County: BacaTime(s) observed: 7:45 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 5 minutesOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
my wife - Shannon Knight

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

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):
Sun was to our back so light was goodOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x40 Zeiss BinocDistance, and how measured: 150 ± feet (Guess)

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

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

The bird was singing from top of small tree off & on for 2-3 minutes until a male indigo or Lazuli would run it off. 1st seen with indigo ♂ then 5 minutes later a ♂ Lazuli was chasing it

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:

1st seen from front & red underparts easily observed, after turning around saw blue head & green back. occasionally when in flight you would see the red rump. Wings & tail were blackish. Size & shape were about same as the indigo & Lazuli Buntings. Present

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): *singing from a perch with head up in air song rapid, varied slightly burry, somewhat thinner than Lazuli.*

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: *brushy area near a stream with mixed trees mainly cottonwood. We find them in cottonwood habitats in MS.*

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? *No other small finch/sparrow type bird has an all red underparts. Vermillion flycatcher has, but lacks a green back, blue head + red rump -*

We have seen vermillion in MS + Texas (imms, ♀ + A). What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? This is a local but common breeder in MS. in the proper habitat, we see + hear them even more, as it tends to be shyer than indigo. I found bird due to knowing the song before I ever saw it?

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: *it disappeared for a while + my wife hadn't see it so I played song on tape player + it came out for her to see. song was identical to Western Peterson tape recording*

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ☒ from memory _____
Date and time report was written: 30 June 1991

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