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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: PAINTED BUNTING (Common Name) PASSERINA CIRIS (Scientific Name)Date(s) of occurrence: 21 APRIL → 22 APRIL +?, 1999Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: PROBABLY ASYExact location: COLORADO, ADAMS Co., BARA LAKE STATE PARK, NATURE CENTER FEEDERSCounty: ADAMS Nearest town: BRIGHTON Elevation: 5100'Length of observation: 5 MINUTES Times(s) of observation: 10:30 - :35Other observers who saw the bird with you: JOANNE CARTER, (SHANNA MOORE) FIRST OBSERVER SUE BARNFIELD, SCOTT GILLMAN, DOUG FAULKNEROther observers who independently saw the bird(s): M. ob.Light conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s); position]: SUNNYOptical equipment used: LEICA 8x42Distance from bird (estimated unless otherwise noted): 15'Was the bird photographed: not by me If so, have you submitted photos? NOWho took the photographs? ??

Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred:

BIRD feeders near RUSSIAN olives AND plum thicket with planted native grasses.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying) (feeding) habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

GENERALLY SKULKING AMONG BRANCHES NEAR FEEDERS. I DID NOT SEE IT GO TO A FEEDER.

Describe the bird in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird(s). Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, etc. That were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

SMALL 5" BIRD w/ PURPLE HEAD, BRIGHT GREEN BACK, BRIGHT RED RUMP AND DARK BROWN TO BLACK TAIL. THROAT, CHEST, BELLY AND UNDERTAIL COVERTS BRIGHT RED. EYE RING RED. UPPER MANDIBLE BLACK, LOWER MANDIBLE GRAY, WITH A GENERAL COLORED SHAPE. GENERAL SATURATION OF COLORS INDICATED A AFTER SECOND YEAR BIRD BUT I DID NOT LOOK CAREFULLY AT OTHER PLUMAGE CHARACTERS.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

THERE ARE NO SIMILARLY COLORED SPECIES IN NORTH AMERICA.

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

SIGHTINGS ON THE ORDER OF 100s → 1000s AT THE UNIV. OF OKLAHOMA BIOLOGICAL STATION IN SOUTHCENTRAL OKLAHOMA OVER 4 DIFFERENT SUMMERS.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

NEXT MORNINGThis report was made from notes made during _____ or after ☒ observation, or later from memory _____Date of written report: 4/22/99 Reporting observer: MIKE CARTER Signature: Michael CarterReporting observer's address: 583 So. 24th Ave., BRIGHTON, CO 80601

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