

# COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

rec'd 6/30/02

Species: Painted Bunting female Passerina ciris  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of observation: May 16, 2002

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Female Plumage: Bright green - pale yellow breast

Exact location: 714 Caroon Ave. La Junta, Colorado 81050

County: Otero Nearest town: \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation: 4068

Length of observation: 30 minutes Times(s) of observation: One

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: George Brenneman (Husband)

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): 6 PM - Sunlight

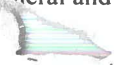
Optical equipment used: Nikon Binoculars - Also no binoculars

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 12 feet

Was bird photographed?: yes If so, have you submitted photographs? yes

Who took the photographs? George Brenneman (Husband)

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

 at base of tree below hanging bird-feeder  
Flew in at same time with an indigo bunting.

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

Found bird at base of big tree below bird feeder eating thistle seed + other finch food. Never saw it fly but the bright green color is what caught my eye. knowing it was something really different.

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) 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. 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):

Bird approx 5 1/2 inches long appearing bright green over head, back + tail. Very pale blue area appeared on forward part of upper wing. Breast appeared pale yellow in color. no wing bars. Beak - a typical bunting beak.

Describe bird's call or song:

Didn't hear

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Indigo bunting - Color + bird book info

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

none

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

Peterson's field guide - Audubon society field guide - National Geographic field guide  
(not many bright green birds)

This report was made from notes made during or after observation, or later from memory

Date of written report: 6/16/02 picture identification

Reporting observer: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: Danelda Brenneman

Observer's address: 714 Caroon La Junta, Co. 81050

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