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Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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CBRC FILE #: 2003-37

RESULTS: Accepted

Species: (Common Name) Painted Bunting

(Scientific Name) Passerina ciris

Date(s) of occurrence: 5/15-16/2003

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: Male

Plumage: Immature Breeding

Exact location: 2096 Yankee Creek Road (Upper Bear Creek)

County: Clear Creek

Nearest town: 8 Mi W. of Evergreen

Elevation: 8000'

Length of observation: Several hours a day over a period of 2 Days

Time(s) of observation: 0700 - 1900

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Nanette Spence

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Overcast 5/15 to full sun 5/16

Optical equipment used: binoculars & scope

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 20 - 100'

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Yes

If so, are you submitting photos? Yes 3 total. Wide (in doug fir), medium (feeding with pine siskins) & telephoto (roosting in juniper bush) shots

Who took the photograph(s)? Jeffrey Geiger

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Scrub meadow edge @ mixed fir pine aspen juniper forest

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Ground feeding several times per hour @ black oil sunflower/niger feeders in mixed flocks of pine siskins, chipping sparrows, etc.; bathing in birdbath; sitting in fir tree; roosting in juniper bush.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. In general, smaller sparrow/finch shape. Size approx. 5". Grey conical bill.. Blue head with black eye & yellow eye ring. Green back, & wings. Yellow breast with red streaking & red throat. Yellow rump. Tail green above & grey below. Legs grey.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Nothing heard, very quiet.

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Shape & color. Honestly, nothing else really comes close

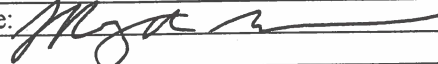
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? None with this species

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

This report was made from (check one) ☐ notes made during observation ☒ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 5/23/2003

Reporting observer: Jeffrey Geiger (303) 674-4595

Signature: 

Reporting observer's address: 2096 Yankee Creek Road

City: Evergreen

State: CO

Zip: 80439

Send report to:
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