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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

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

Date(s) of observation : 9-26-04

Number of birds seen : 1 Sex : ? Plumage : Immature ♂ or adult ♀

Exact location : Gulfstream Ave 1/4 mile west of its junction with Oak lawn Ave.

County : Pueblo Nearest town : Colorado City Elevation : 6000'

Length of observation : 2 minutes Times(s) of observation : 9:15-9:17 AM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you : None

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

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position) : Bird north of observer - partly cloudy skies

Optical equipment used : 10-40 Zeiss Binocular

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted) : 30 feet

Was bird photographed? : No If so, have you submitted photographs? _____

Who took the photographs? _____

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

Mixed scrub oak, wild plum, & Thistle near creek

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

Bird flew and landed in small bush amidst patch of thistle. It sat for a couple of minutes occasionally picking at bush leaves or thistle. It then flew into dense oak grove.

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) :

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Describe bird's call or song:

None heard

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them : Dull Yellow & Orange-crowned Warblers have thin dark bills & often exhibit slightly dusky streaked under parts.

Dull Lesser Goldfinches show whitish wing bars & patches, a shorter tail, and all dark bills.
♀ American Goldfinches also show prominent wing bars and more whitish undertail coverts than Painted Buntings. Both Goldfinches are smaller than Painted Bunting.

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

I have seen many American & Lesser Goldfinches and quite a few Painted Buntings though more ♂'s than ♀'s. I have seen many Yellow and Orange-crowned Warblers.

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

Sibley 2000. Guide to Birds confirmed my initial identification.

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

Date of written report : 9-30-04

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Description: This bird was about same size as Lazuli Bunting, though close in overall color to smaller dull ♀ or immature Lesser Goldfinch. It was dull olive green above including crown and face, but lighter greenish-yellow below becoming a bit paler yellow in belly and brighter yellow in vent with contrasting white under Tailcoverts on near Tail. Vent and rest of undertail coverts were yellow. Wings were olive green in coverts melding into smoky gray primaries. There were no wing bars nor patches visible in wing, when bird was perched or in flight. Tail was greenish basally becoming grayish distally. It was fairly long, slightly more than $\frac{1}{2}$ body length of bird. Bill was conical shaped with slightly decurved culmen and gape. It had a dark perimeter & became a lighter straw color towards gape.

In addition to lacking wing bars, this bird exhibited no streaking, not even faint streaking, on back or underparts.