

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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#: 1998-158

Results : _____

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

Species : Baltimore Oriole Icterus galbula
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence : 11-1-98

Number of birds seen : 1 Sex : Male Plumage : Immature

Exact location : 1/2 mile west of Pueblo City Park near south side of Arkansas Riv.

County : Pueblo Nearest town : Pueblo Elevation : 4700'

Length of observation : 1 minute Times(s) of observation : 12:30-31 PM

Other observers who saw the bird with you : None

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

Light conditions [quality; direction relative to bird(s); position] : Bird directly west of observer - very cloudy w. - light rain

Optical equipment used : 10x40 Zeiss Binocular

Distance from bird (estimated unless otherwise noted) : 10-15 yards

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

Who took the photographs? _____

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

Thick deciduous riparian flora with dense understory.

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

Bird flew a short distance and perched almost a minute in Russian Olive tree. It then dropped into dense understory & could not be relocated.

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) :

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Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them :

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

I have seen many Baltimore & Bullock's Orioles + many of their hybrids.

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

Birding Vol. 30, No. 4 Richter & Andrews Colorado Birds

National Geographic Field Guide

This report was made from notes made during ☒ or after ☐ observation, ^{and} or later from memory ☒

Date of written report : 11-9-98 Reporting observer : David Silverman Signature : David Silverman

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Overall size & shape: Slightly large than Townsend's Solitaire and same slender shape. Bill was longer than Solitaire.

Description: Head: Brownish orange head with dark eye, no eye line.

Bill: Black and slightly down curved.

Back: Orange brown more brownish than head, orange rump.

Breast: Very bright golden orange, duller orange throat.

Belly: Dull golden orange contrasted with bright orange breast
Dull orange undertail coverts.

Wings: Slaty colored wings with 2 distinct white wing bars. Upper wing bar thicker than lower.

Tail: Fairly long over $\frac{1}{2}$ length of rest of bird.

Tail was orange-brown about same color of back.

Legs: Dark

Similar species: Immature male Bullock's Orioles have black chin, a dark eye line, and whitish belly. The bird I saw lacked all these field marks.

Female Bullock's Oriole also have eye line, whitish belly, and grayer backs.

Bullock's Oriole have lighter wings obscuring wing bars and making them less distinct. The bird I saw had dark brownish gray wings with 2 distinct wing bars.

Since this immature Baltimore Oriole showed no major characteristic of Bullock's, I do not believe it was a hybrid.