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I'm sending a list of my bird records that I thought would fit your criteria. I also spent a couple of hours with Jim Berry going over his records. He was going to get with Ron Meyer and double check some dates and then I'll send them on to you. I'm sure he'll get that done in the next couple of weeks.

Most (all but one, I think) of my records are from my house which is in a small subdivision outside of town known as Antelope Hills. We sit a little higher than town, probably between 8,000 & 8,100 ft.

Baltimore Oriole male May 26 & 27, 1998 598 Antelope Road, Gunnison, CO
Lori Brummer

I have attached a copy of a picture I took of this bird, which was at the nectar feeder on our back deck. The photo was taken through a glass door, with a 100 mm lens. I was at most ten feet away. At one point, I tried to get the forms to send this in to CFO, but by the time (a year later) that the forms got back to me - none of this was on the internet as such (that's hard to believe) - I never managed to get it reported. Then I began second guessing myself.

After looking at the photo and comparing it with the books again, I am pretty confident. Especially when I showed Jim the photo Friday and asked him what he thought it was. He immediately answered a Baltimore Oriole. So I decided to send it on to you. I remember talking to Don Radovich about the bird, but none of the local birders got up here to see it. It could have hung around longer, but we left on vacation May 27, so I'll never know. Unfortunately, we haven't had one since.

I'll be happy to send you the actual print if you need it. I'm pretty sure I have two copies. Just let me know.

Now for the other visitors at my feeders:

Rose-breasted Grosbeak	598 Antelope Road, Gunnison, CO	Lori Brummer
male	May 29, 1995	
male	May 14, 15, 16 1998	
male	July 25, 29, 31, August 7, 12, 15, 19, 24 2003	

Since the bar graph on these birds were still dashes, not solid, I thought that I would include the RBGR. The last entry is the best, it was probably around here for a month and I watched it molt out of non-breeding plumage. This bird was also seen at a feeder a couple of houses away from me, I think earlier in July than I saw. There could have been a female, but I was having a hard time trying to sort a female RBGR from a female BHGR. Any good tips? I always get the female BHGR with kids in late summer at my feeder. I didn't really think to check for a female RBGR until they had been here a while. I never did get that sorted out.



Baltimore Oriole, May 26-27, 1998, Gunnison Co, CO, Lori Brummer