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RESULTS:

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

ACCEPTED

Species: Baltimore Oriole Icterus galbula  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: June 9, 11, & 15. (The only dates I spent the night at home during this trip)Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: Definitive AlternateExact location: ~100m south of my house! ~140m South of Intersection of CR38E and Foothill Drive,County: Larimer Nearest town: Masonville (Fort Collins) Elevation: ~6500 ft.Length of observation: 2 seconds (seen once) Times(s) of observation: always between 6 AM and 8 AM (Singing)Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: NoneOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): Rachel Hopper (Date?)Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's position): The only time I saw this bird was early in the morning with the sun to my back - great lightingOptical equipment used: 10x42 Nikon binocularsDistance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): ~40 metersWas 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: This area is best characterized as shrubby. The most common plant is American Plum, and common chokecherry is also abundant. There are also several medium to large Cottonwoods.Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification): The bird was singing frequently and moving from one tree to another frequently. It sang constantly in the early morning. Several Bullock's Orioles also present (all Spring & Summer)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): (over, please)Describe bird's call or song: Quite different from a Bullock's, and that is why I picked it out. I would describe it as more monotonous, and "chirpier" than a Bullock's.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

Bullock's: Song was different and visuals were obvious. This bird had a Black Hood. Orchard: This bird was orange not "chestnut" or red on body

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

I have heard/seen Baltimores several times in Eastern Colorado.

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

I didn't need to look it up as I am familiar with the species.This report was made from notes made during ✓ or after \_\_\_\_\_ observation, or later from memory \_\_\_\_\_Date of written report: 11/20/03Reporting observer: Jason Beason Signature: Jason BeasonObserver's address: PO Box 1102, Paonia, CO 81428

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- I found this bird because it was singing and I had been hearing several Bullock's Orioles all spring. So, when I heard this bird singing I suspected that it was a different species.

I found the bird as it was singing and got very good looks at it. It was a typical Adult male Baltimore Oriole. I noted the black "hood" extending over the "bib" area, the orange belly extending to the undertail coverts, the black back and black wings with white wing-bars.