

## Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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

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| CBRC FILE #:  |                      |                                       |
| RESULTS:  |                      |                                       |
| Species: (Common Name) Baltimore Oriole   |                      | (Scientific Name) Icterus galbula     |
| Dates of Occurrence: May 6, 2004  |                      |                                       |
| Number of birds seen: 1   | Sex: Male            | Plumage: Adult (SY?)                  |
| Exact location: 8230 Mule Deer Dr.  |                      |                                       |
| County: Pueblo  | Nearest town: Pueblo | Elevation: 5,700'                     |
| Length of observation: 45 minutes   |                      | Time(s) of observation: 8:45 a.m.     |
| Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Bob Hahn  |                      |                                       |
| Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): N/A  |                      |                                       |
| Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Clear skies, morning sun east of the bird, photos taken from north of the bird on our deck, about 50' away.  |                      |                                       |
| Optical equipment used: Swarovski AT 80 HD with Coolpix 995 held to the eyepiece for photos   |                      |                                       |
| Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 50'  |                      |                                       |
| Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? Yes  |                      | If so, are you submitting photos? Yes |
| Who took the photograph(s)? BB Hahn   |                      |                                       |
| Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Backyard of our home, in a dead Pinon Pine amongst Pinon/Juniper habitat where our feeder and water feature area is located.  |                      |                                       |
| Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: No behaviors explicitly identified the bird. It was flying between a mature, 30' Pinon and the dead Pinon where the orange halves are located. It would stand near, on, or prop one leg on the orange half while feeding. It was not frightened off by any other birds, holding its ground.  |                      |                                       |
| <b>DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report.</b> 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. The bird was approx. twice as long as the orange half on which it was feeding (orange was 4 1/4" wide - I measured it). Body shape looked of medium size with a relatively short tail. Entire head, neck, nape and back was black or black/brown, with the black continuing down from the throat into the center of the breast in a short (~ 1/2"), narrow (~ 1/4") line.<br>The breast, belly, sides, vent and undertail coverts were orange to dark orange, darkest around the breast, belly and vent. The wing had dark yellow to orange tips to the median coverts, white tips on the greater coverts, and white outer webbing on the primaries and secondaries. In one photo, the primaries have a brownish look (lighting or SY?). I couldn't see scapulars well enough in photos to determine age in that way. The rump and upper tail coverts were orange. Tail was black with terminal ends orange on both sides with black on the central rectrices. From a photo, it looked like an outer rectrice was very worn. Bill was relatively short, straight, with the upper mandible dark blue-black and lower mandible a lighter blue-gray. Legs were gray, sturdy. |                      |                                       |
| Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: It called once, a rough chatter like BUOR.   |                      |                                       |
| <b>SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report.</b> Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration:<br>From Bullock's Oriole: No orange in crown, face or neck. Median coverts were not white, and greater coverts had white tips only. Tail was black and orange pattern had no black tips.<br>From Orchard Oriole: This bird had orange median coverts, breast, belly, vent, rump and upper and lower tail coverts, not "chestnut." Tail had orange pattern, not all black. Bill was slightly larger and straighter.<br>From Scott's Oriole: All colored parts on this bird were dark golden to dark orange, not bright yellow. No black breast. Rectrices not black and yellow; tail pattern wrong for Scott's.<br>Altamira, Spot-breasted and Audubon's Orioles would all be first state records; photos disallow these.  |                      |                                       |
| What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Have seen numerous Baltimore Orioles in Colorado and other   |                      |                                       |

states. Bullock's Orioles nest near our home. Have seen many Orchard Orioles in various locales. Have seen Scott's Orioles on the western slope numerous times.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):  
Used Pyle's I.D. Guide to N.A. Birds for molt info, trying to determine age of bird in photos.

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

Date and time of written report: July 14, 2004 1:20 p.m.

Reporting observer: BB Hahn

Signature:

Reporting observer's address: 8230 Mule Deer Dr.

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