



New Mexico Ornithological Society Bird Records Committee Submittal Form

New Mexico Rare/Unusual Bird Report

This form is intended as a guide in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print in black ink or send electronically. Attach available drawings, photographs (electronic, or slides, prints, video), copies of field notes, etc.; include **all** photos of obscurely marked species.

1. Common or scientific name: *Bullock's Oriole (Icterus bullockii)*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 ad. males in breeding plumage):
1 - immature or female
3. Locality (include County and distance from nearest named town):
Doña Ana County - approx. 3 to 4 miles south of Carver Rd., west of St. Hwy 478, north of Snow Rd. and north of Fletch Doble Rd. about 100 yds.
4. Date(s) when seen:
Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014
5. Time(s) of day when seen:
approx. 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM
6. Reporting observer (include middle initial, address, and e-mail address):
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7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Walt Whitford
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
showed photograph of bird to Nancy Stutz, Tim Lawton, John Douglas who ID'd it
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Clear, sunny day, sun to our back, bird perched on top of a mesquite bush
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
binoculars - Vortex 8x42 Viper
11. Distance to bird:
approx. 20 to 25 feet
12. Duration of observation:
approx. 10 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific):
brushy mesquite bushes which bordered an agricultural field that had been plowed
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification):
bird was perched, resting, seem to be "puffed out" as if it were cold

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):

longish tail, plump body & plump head (sort of roundish);
bill was pointed and somewhat long, definitely not short
or stubby
pale yellowish head, throat, breast; darker back with
white wing bars

16. Voice:

did not hear it

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

try to make it into a warbler (couldn't because tail and shape and bill,
and shape not right)

tried to make it into a western Tanager (couldn't because bill wasn't right
shape & color)

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

yes, I took the photo; it is attached (follows this report on separate
page)

19. Previous experience with this species:

quite a bit - seen always in summer and early fall along Rio Grande
Corridor
(was shocked to see one here in early winter)

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc., used in identification a) at time of observation; b)
after observation:

a). Sibley Field Guide to Western N. American Birds

b). National Geographic Field Guide to N. American Birds and Pete
Dunne's Essential Field Guide Companion

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation;
memory.

notes made during observation and memory

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

yes - backed up by expert birders in chapter

23. Signature of reporter, along with date and time of writing of this account.

Wayne Trean 1/21/15 9:34 PM

It is emphasized that a request for documentation is not an affront, but is an effort to substantiate a record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for all to evaluate.

