

Northern Oriole
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n. of Iowa City, Johnson Co., IA
*T. Staudt
IBL 58:46, 48, 58, 75

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Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Thomas J. Staudt

REFERENCES

Christmas Bird Count: IBL 58:46, 48
Field Reports: IBL 58:58
Records Committee: IBL 58:75

VOTE: 1-I-P, 6-III

III, Observer should describe the shape of the bird and its bill. How are we to know that this is an oriole? Why weren't photos submitted? What does 'photos are available' mean? Documenters should watch The People's Court and bring their evidence.

III, Yup, describes a Northern (Baltimore) Oriole. At first I thought it was probably a female but the last sentence in the documentation was interesting describing the bird starting to enter a male breeding plumage (slowly).

III, The throat patch suggests the Bullock's form but wing bars suggest the Baltimore form. Could this be a hybrid?

III, well described, attention to detail, which was lacking in preceding doc.

III, Can be inappropriate to assume we can sex these birds as male by plumage. Females can also look like this.

What species? Northern Oriole (1st yr Baltimore male) How many? 1Location? Feeder rural wooded area North of Iowa city

Type of habitat? _____

When? date(s): 12-19-87 time: 11:25am to 11:30 amWho? your name and address: Thomas J. Staudt 1503 Sheridan IC 52240others with you: Ed. Griffith Clara Schoderbekothers before or after you: Jim Fuller

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

dark bill, brown head, upper parts. black eyes dark legs
wings were darker brown than the upperparts, there were
two thin white wing bars.

breast to belly was a light orange, undertail was lighter
but not white. rump was ^{light}orange. tail was brown with
a light orange edge.

The throat had a dark triangle patch.

The bird was much smaller than the Blue Jay feeding next
to it. It was feeding on grape jelly.

Photos are available

The bird has been coming to this feeder since Thanksgiving.
Mrs. Schoderbek says the orange is getting brighter and the throat
patch more prominent.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
viewed from inside looking out about 12 feet, none used

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? while viewing this form completed? same day

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