

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Bullock's Oriole
12 May 1993
Clemons, Marshall Co., IA
*Holly Humpal
IBL 63:80, 66:97

Record Number: 95-AD
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Holly Humpal, 403 Market Ave., Clemons 50051

REFERENCES

Field Report: IBL 63:80, 1993

Records Committee: IBL 66:97

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Although I don't know the observer, the description is quite detailed and tells about the bird as it was seen. The face pattern and large white wing patch indicate a male in spring migration.

A-D, This is a careful look and detailed description -- time of year probably most likely for ad. male to appear.

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

95-AD

What species? Bullcock's Oriole How many? oneLocation? 403 Market Ave - Elemans IowaType of habitat? Hill Elm - oak and Black Walnut trees behind my houseWhen? date(s): May 12 - 1993 time: 12:00 PM to 3:00 P.MWho? your name and address: Holly Humpal 403 Market Aveothers with you: No Elemans, Iowa 5001others before or after you: No

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.

Was out in my backyard. I saw a flash of orange and black. So a Baltimore Oriole had nested in the elm tree 2 yrs. ago. Went to get my binoculars, as I was looking at the bird in the elm tree, it was very surprised because he doesn't have an all black head. I studied it very carefully. It was flitting from branch to branch, appearing to be eating the fresh elm buds. It appeared to be between 6-7 in long; a medium-sized colored underparts - breast is a little black from beak going down neck ^{area} to breast. No all black head & a very slight black eye stripe - black on top of the head going down back to middle of top part of wing - black with large white wing bar, and rest of wing black and white striped. Thin - longer tail had slight narrow black stripe down tail to end, with a little orange on each side. a little orange on top of head from beak to just above black eye stripe on each side of face. It spent a long time in Elm tree - then flew to another elm tree - to an oak tree back to the same elm tree flitting upside and downside. made no sounds

Similar species and how eliminated: Baltimore Oriole - Has all black

Head - a little orange on top part of wing and very small white wing bar and tail pattern has more black at top to sides and wider band.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

Bright Sun - 20-30 feet away away - Binoculars (8 X 50)

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have not seen Bullcock's Oriole before - Have seen Baltimore Oriole many times

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Proescholdt - Lis Comb, after seeing Oriole and food for all I sawHow long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? 20 days

called both