

Species: Baltimore Oriole Date seen: 12-21-97 Observer: Jack Statser

7. Description of behavior: The bird visited an oriole feeder everyday which was kept active.
8. Description of vocalizations: none heard
9. Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s): suburban yard surrounded by a wooded ravine.
10. Viewing conditions:
Optical equipment (type, power): 10X 42 binoculars - brand unknown
Distance / how measured? 20 feet, estimated
Time(s) of observation: 1330 Total time of observation: 20 minutes periodically
Weather (including larger weather patterns where relevant) / sky conditions / relative position of sun: overcast, damp, brisk breeze; sun not visible.
11. Previous experience with this and similar species: Fairly familiar with this species, but not with Orchard Oriole or American Redstart.
12. Reasons for eliminating other similar species and/or hybrids:
Orchard Oriole - smaller; much darker red-orange underparts; all dark tail.
American Redstart - very much smaller; all black with orange restricted to spots on sides, wings, and tail.
13. Were photos obtained? no By whom? _____ Attached? _____
14. Books & illustrations consulted, and advice received. How did these influence this description?
Peterson Field Guide Birds of Eastern U.S.
National Geographic Birds of North America - To check field marks
15. How long after observation were field notes recorded? 1 day
16. How long after observation was this form completed? 19 days
17. Additional remarks: This documentation was written by Kelly J. McKay after talking to Mr. Statser over the phone. The bird was captured on 12-27-97 by hand and is now with a licensed wildlife rehabilitator (Vera Blewins) who is caring for it.

Signed Kelly J. McKay Date 1-9-98

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DOCUMENTATION FORM FOR UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTINGS
 SUBMITTED TO ILLINOIS ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (I.O.R.C.)

I.O.R.C. RECORD NUMBER

This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):

- Unusual species; Unusual date; Unusual number;
 Unusual plumage; Unusual breeding record; Christmas Count record; Spring Count record;
 Breeding Census record; Other: _____

- Species: Baltimore Oriole
- Number of birds: 1 Age/sex/plumage: Adult male
- Date(s): 12-12-97 through 12-27-97
- Location (incl. County): 1515 29 Street Bettendorf, Scott County, IA.
- Observers:
 Your name: Jack Stotser Phone: (319) 359-0856
 Mailing address: 1515 29th Street Bettendorf, IA, 52722
 Others agreeing with identification: [REDACTED]; Vera Blevins
 Observers NOT agreeing with identification: none
- Physical description (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on the head, back, breast, undertail, wings, and tail; coloration of bill, eye, legs and feet) of details actually seen in the field:

The bird was coming to an active oriole feeder every day, several times a day from 12-12-97 through 12-27-97. It was then captured, by hand, and turned over to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator where it is doing fine. The bird was about cardinal-sized with bright orange underparts. The tail was black and orange. The head, back, throat, and upper breast were black. The bill was dark and spike-like.