

ORCHARD ORIOLE

October 19, 1986

Lake Manawa, Pottawattamie County

Description:

Lemon yellow underparts with a small black area under chin. Wings brownish with two white wing bars. Back brownish.

Behavior:

Sat on top a sunflower for perhaps 30 seconds in response to Eastern Screech Owl tape.

Habitat: Weedy field, Many sparrows present.

Other species:

In view of the extremely late date, other orioles such as Scott's were considered. However, the size was small for an oriole, and tail did not appear long or rounded enough for Scott's. The black throat patch was smaller than usual for a immature Orchard Oriole, perhaps indicating a very late brood due to the mild fall.

Voice: Not heard

Others who saw bird: Loren and Babs Padelford