

Species: DALTMORE ORIOLE
Record No. 507-02-08

Location: COLONY CREEK
County: HARNEY
Date(s): MAY 27, 2002

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| <u>TIM RODENKIRK</u> | <u>A</u> | | | |
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Date reporter(s) notified: 1-4-04

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RARE BIRD REPORT

Tim Rodenkirk

Species: **Baltimore Oriole**

Date of Sighting: 5/27/2002 Time Found: 1300

Length of Time Observed: 3 minutes

Distance to Bird: 300 feet

Number, Age, Sex: 1, male

Observer: Tim Rodenkirk

Other Observers: None.

Location: Colony Creek (not VanHorn Creek as reported by Harry Nehls in his weekly rare bird report) which is 8 miles south of Cottonwood Creek in the Pueblo Mountains of SE Oregon, Harney County (this canyon is also 5.5 miles north of the Nevada border).

Habitat: Desert canyon with a riparian stringer of vegetation about 15 feet high; above this it is a steep V shape with only grass and rock outcrops.

Description: An oriole with an all dark head that gave it a hooded look. It had dark upper wings with white wing bars, and a pointed bill. The chest, belly, and undertail covers were bright orange.

Vocalization/Behavior: This bird was with a "flock" of orioles(7+) and grosbeaks(2+) which I "drove" up the canyon as I hike uphill on a trail along it. I saw it sitting on the top of a bush with a female Bullock's/Baltimore type oriole. The black "hood" of this male made it stand out from the Bullock's in the area.

Similar Species: Bullock's Oriole as well as other oriole species. This oriole had an all black head, nape, and throat though which made it appear "hooded". Also similar to Black-headed Grosbeak- there was no orange on the nape area, nor was the bill as stout as a grosbeaks.

References: None used.

Experience: I have seen this species on the East Coast and in Florida.

Light/Weather: Good light, overcast, dry weather- the bird was straight across canyon from me so lighting was good (sun above).

Optics: B & L 10x42 Elite Binos

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