



CHECKLIST S96704892

Mon **25 Oct 2021** 3:19 PM1810 Jackson St, Port Orford US-OR (42.7529,-124.4940)  [Curry County, Oregon, United States](#)**Tim Rodenkirk****Stationary** Incomplete  1  2 hr **1 Species observed** 1 individuals**1 Common Grackle**

Continuing at Jim and Carrie Rogers feeders. Blackbird with large bill (larger than on a Brewer's Blackbird), medium long tail, blue iridescent head, yellow eye, brown body and wings with a striking colorful iridescence in body and wing when light hits it right. Been here since Saturday.

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Sun **24 Oct 2021** 10:33 AM

1810 Jackson Street, Port Orford, Oregon, US (42.753, -124.494) [Curry County, Oregon, United States](#)

Amy Duerfeldt

Traveling **Complete**

1 22 min 0.16 mi

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Species observed
22 individuals

1

Species with photos

1 **Anna's Hummingbird**

5 **Chestnut-backed Chickadee**

3 **House Sparrow**

12 **White-crowned Sparrow**

1 **Common Grackle**

Spotted by neighbors Jim & Carrie Rodgers at their feeder yesterday. Continuing to visit backyard feeder today.



COGR-2021-46 (Common Grackle)

1st round voting – March 2, 2022

Accepted: 9

Not Accepted: 0

ACCEPTED, VERIFIED

Photo decisively shows a Common Grackle. Written description provides nice support. Time of year fits well too.

This is a closer call than the other Common Grackle in this batch of records, but I think there's enough here. The photo shows a grackle that appears to have a glossy purplish head and neck that contrasts more with the browner/duller body than would be expected in an adult male Great-tailed Grackle, which should not show much if any contrast between the head and neck and the rest of the blackish/purplish body and if anything tend to show a more blackish head with a purplish neck and body. The tail is not shown at a particularly good angle, but one would expect to see at least a hint of a more deeply-keel-shaped look if this was a Great-tailed. Difficult to tell in one photo, but Great-taileds also tend to appear slimmer and lankier with a relatively small head. The bird in the photo does not show these characteristics. The description is also more consistent with Common describing a contrasting brownish body with strong iridescence in the right light. Not a slam dunk for me, but there is enough here to confirm as Common.

coloration and shape consistent with Common Grackle

I agree with the ID and feel the observer covered most of the bases with his report.

No proper report, but a decent description and a diagnostic photo.

Decent photo clearly shows purple-blue head contrasting sharply with back color and thick bill.

The purple head contrasting with the slightly lighter mantle helps eliminate other species of grackles. It is difficult to say from this single photo if the bird is of the versicolor subspecies or the quiscula subspecies. The mantle seems to have some bronze tones so it may be of the versicolor race.

Photo looks good, as does description from TR.

No comments

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