

It bent down on occasion and exposed its black upper back; from time to time we heard it give a soft, low, whistled note. Prior to 1978, there were no known records for this species anywhere in the Panhandle during fall.

On 23 September 1978 I observed a male Scott's Oriole on the Buffalo Lake refuge (Williams, F., 1979, *Amer. Birds* 33:193). For perhaps 30 minutes I studied it carefully as it worked its way through a grove of medium-sized cottonwood trees surrounded by shortgrass prairie. Most of the oriole's time was spent preening. I suspected that it was an immature bird, because its crown and back were not intensely black, but appeared to have an olive sheen. Furthermore, the lower front edge of its black hood was broken, and the bright yellow of its belly shaded into faint olive along the flanks.

In recent years, this species has begun to expand its range into northwestern sections of the Edwards Plateau and has nested in juniper-dominated plant associations in Cook and Irion counties (Terry Maxwell letter of 27 May 1981 to Seyffert). The above records are approximately 250 miles north-northwest of even these northern reaches of the known range for this bird, and about 500 miles from that specified in the latest AOU Check-list (1983, American Ornithologists' Union, p. 739). Observers in western Oklahoma need to be aware of the information contained herein.—Kenneth D. Seyffert, 2206 S. Lipscomb St., Amarillo, Texas 79109, 12 September 1987.

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