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Male painted buntings, one of the most colorful songbirds in North America, have finally arrived at Huntington Beach State Park!

The birds showed up at the Nature Center feeders on April 7. A total of 3 males have been seen thus far, constantly chasing each other. They are very territorial, and pack a lot of fight into a little package. You may be able to attract buntings to your home feeder, if you live in the right habitat. In SC, they are found mostly in the coastal plain, especially near salt marshes and maritime forests. They prefer plain white millet, hold the filler please!

Some of the buntings at the park have been banded over the last few years, sporting color combinations that make each unique. Researchers encourage everyone to get involved in this citizen scientist project. To report sightings from your feeder, log onto the Painted Bunting Observer team website at: www.paintedbuntings.org



Elaine Macmillan Female



at 19:21:53 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Gwen Petty Patty DeVito!!
at 19:26:08 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Jenny McMillan What a beautiful bird. Huntington Beach State Park is where I first saw this bird just last year! Hope to see another one there this year.
at 19:30:29 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Hart Talk Wow, what a fancy fellow!
at 19:36:12 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Teresa Walden McCammon Is this the same type bird? He visited us in Murrells Inlet during the weekend.



at 19:47:05 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Amber Bradley Donna Thompson don't you want to see them in person?
at 20:03:55 on 4/21/2015 UTC

Brenda Cantrell Baldwin I've had a couple of visits of a blue grosbeak in NW GA. Rare



sightings here. No buntings.
at 20:18:49 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Bill Wise Had one at our feeder in Bluffton Monday
at 20:24:03 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Jackie Williams-Tollison Dawn Watson Weaver I have got to go find this!!!!
at 20:28:13 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Penny Sherwood They're so pretty!! Wow
at 20:34:51 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Margaret Bass We have them in Eastover...such a beautiful bird!
at 20:43:19 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Karen Byers Beard I've only seen 2 in my life and they were at Edisto Beach in SC.
at 20:48:25 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Ray Steele Even though they are native to SC I have never seen one. :(
at 20:49:53 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Vivian Laye Oh, I'm hoping to see one 😊
at 20:53:08 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Randall K Faulkner I use to have a shirt that was colored like that..
at 20:55:02 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Cindy Smoak O my gosh, I had one of these in my bird feeder and he refused to give me a picture. I'm in Barnwell, SC
at 21:01:33 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Shane Johnson I have a photograph of one from 2013 on Edisto Beach
at 21:03:42 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Karen Byers Beard I missed my chance the crows were chasing them away.. I was so up set..
at 21:05:26 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Flo Rainer Soooooo Beautiful!!!!!!
at 21:10:52 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Mary Sue Thome Now I know why people say "pretty bird!" When they talk to birds. That is one pretty bird right there!
at 21:12:43 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Janice Crouch Gorgeous. I was excited to see an indigo bunting at my feeder just this weekend for the first time.
at 21:12:57 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Shane Johnson Edisto Beach, SC



at 21:13:21 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Clara Davis Ford Until I moved recently, I had 3 nesting pairs every year in Williston, SC.

at 21:14:09 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Beverly Simmons Shelley Exquisite!

at 21:25:57 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Julie Beasley-Deason I have a yard full of both male and females :)

at 21:30:58 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Jane Curtin Beautiful

at 21:31:33 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Melanie Charlie Zobel Just one more reason to head to Huntington Beach State Park!

at 21:32:22 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Laura Hooton Amy Johnson

at 21:53:39 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Irene Askeland Sweeney What a beautiful bird. We had them in Stuart, Fl. many years ago. Too many people, not enough habitat.

at 21:55:34 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Elizabeth Clayton Have seen 3 at my feeders in Givhans, sc

at 21:56:35 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Bonnie Wright They also have arrived at Hunting Island State Park. You can find them at the water garden at the Nature Center often.

at 22:17:40 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Debbie Ammerman Clint Belue

at 22:21:26 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Diane Karaba I had one feeding last summer here in Summerville from my back yard feeder. 3 days ago he was at my front feeder:) Try to get pic. I am too slow:(But I enjoy seeing him when he comes:)

at 22:43:39 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Dawn Watson Weaver Jackie Williams-Tollison, they are less frequent but are in the upstate as well. In the edges of woods, on feeders. I'll call you when I see them here. They get more of them on the coast. I'm pretty sure I'll be doing some 'day' trips to HBSP to see birds.

at 22:57:02 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Kim Dagle That is a really pretty bird.

at 23:02:00 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Nancy Hanna Would love to see one of these beautiful birds!
at 23:13:06 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Freida Collins I'd give a pretty penny to see one. How long since you heard "pretty penny"? lol
at 23:15:06 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Jackie Williams-Tollison Dawn Watson Weaver that's great! We almost did a day trip over spring break to HBSP! Planning to do some this summer since I couldn't get reservations until Aug!!!
at 23:17:09 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Jeff Shreve John Shreve
at 23:23:24 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Kathy James Hawkins Beautiful!
at 23:29:07 on 4/21/2015 UTC



Amy Johnson Very cool. We have Indigo Buntings here, but I've never seen one of these.
at 0:03:52 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Cari Troyer Eric Troyer, Troyer Alice
at 0:16:47 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Susan Jernigan Harris We go there quite often!!! Beautiful!
at 0:25:29 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Debbie Johnson Will be looking!
at 0:29:03 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Elaine Chartier I hope I get to see one of these birds some day.....
at 0:32:40 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Sandra Hughes Several have been spotted on the Mtn in past years.
at 0:42:08 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Suzanne Learned We have them here in Camden and Rembert, SC,
at 0:50:41 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Kathleen Johnson Beautiful!
at 0:51:14 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Amy Lykins Where would be our best chance to see one near Wilmington, Nc?
at 0:55:27 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Donna Webster Ridgeway We seen one Sunday and was wondering about it. Thanks Mark.
at 1:16:08 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Ralph W Rivers We are blessed to have many of these beautiful birds every year for 20 + years.
at 1:39:29 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Mary Sanders LaVine Stephen Lavine, Thomas LaVine
at 1:40:12 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Elizabeth Girtman Grant Thank you so much my dear friend Laura for sharing this! We are tickled to find this out and share our bird watching with others that love them as we do!
at 1:55:35 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Elizabeth Girtman Grant We also have an indigo bunting this year and last year! Beautiful and thrilling as well!
at 1:58:07 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Ellen Pittman Aunt Barb - maybe you will get to see this pretty bird.
at 2:03:56 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Nancy Pero Pretty never seen one myself
at 2:04:44 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Thomas LaVine Mary Sanders LaVine me and Stephen saw one of these on the coast last Saturday :)



at 2:07:03 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Eileen Nichols I have lived here over 50 yrs and I have Never seen this bird.
at 2:25:39 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Cassandra Morrow Harris Bob Helen Morrow did Yall see any at HBSP?
at 2:26:39 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Barry Midgette Always wanted to see one. Didnt know it was a coastal bird. Perfect name.
at 2:36:58 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Michaela Chewar Jennifer Glover Johnson- I've never seen one, any at your place?
at 4:11:22 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Brittany Rea Dellinger Mickey Flaughner Rea look at this bird!!!
at 4:25:54 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Brittany Rea Dellinger It's beautiful either way!!!!
at 4:26:28 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Valorie Merritt Green Beautiful!
at 5:16:33 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Anita Habberfield Absolutely beautiful!
at 5:31:49 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Mary McGee Wiggins Amazingly stunning
at 5:40:15 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Kathleen Zaranek We have one that visits us regularly its spectacular
at 10:30:01 on 4/22/2015 UTC

Rose Farinas I see one in Labelle Florida last year at the ranch and took a picture in my



feeder
at 10:34:07 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Cindy J Johnson Wow. ...beautiful
at 11:06:56 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Amy Seidel How do you tell the difference between her and a female summer tanager?
at 11:20:14 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Deborah Bentley For the past few years this little guy has visited our feeder here in Sumter SC. Was just here stayed about 2 days. Just one and didn't see a female
at 11:32:31 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Donann Seidel Gorgeous! Love to see one at my feeder...
at 11:45:34 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Erika Cetinski God's beautiful creation
at 12:05:39 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Danny Ware We have had them show up at our feeder in Blanchard, Ok
at 12:20:40 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Judy Knutsen I saw one years ago at Seabrook Island SC. Beautiful colors.
at 12:29:16 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Geo Haralson I would like to see on of these boys. I'm sure he is thinking how do I get these plastic socks off my legs.:)
at 12:42:58 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Denise Schwend Davis Debbie Davis you should put out a feeder at the beach house!
at 12:52:18 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Myra Alexander Wynn These are the most beautiful of birds, I think.
at 12:55:32 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Sally Eldreth He's beautiful!
at 13:07:18 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Kass Beil Newman Wow! What a beauty
at 13:13:56 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Michael Gainey Kelly Saw 2 lasts year at my home in Hartsville. I'm hoping to get another visit this year!
at 13:20:33 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Ralph Helen Santana We saw them every spring eating at the feeder in our yard in Alva, FL. We took some pictures & framed one that hung in our home there. Truly a gift of God, reminding us to be good stewards of His creation.
at 13:48:08 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Sandi R. Lindsey I have one @ my house!!! He is awesome!!!!
at 14:20:09 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Pamela Lemons Ward Beautiful
at 14:27:55 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Sherry Saunders Wish we had them!
at 15:14:27 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Iris Shillinglaw Beautiful.
at 15:51:24 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Bryan Floyd Sarah Lynn Talley
at 17:39:39 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Lauren Stone Valerie Montecalvo Toro
at 18:26:22 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Christine Ayers Me me has one at Santee
at 19:35:16 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Valerie Montecalvo A little bribery ?
at 20:21:58 on 4/22/2015 UTC



Jimmy Card It looks like a one.
at 0:24:35 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Nicole Altieri Look Cynthia Davis-Fussell, this little guy looks like our favorite bird! 😊
at 0:27:32 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Cynthia Davis-Fussell Yes Nicole Lynn Altieri mine shoed up this morning. I posted pics earlier!!!
at 0:59:42 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Cynthia Davis-Fussell Camden SC showed up today



at 1:05:48 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Catherine Hill I have 2 males that have been feeding regularly for several weeks here in St. George, SC. Saw females just this past week. They have been coming to my feeder for the past few years. Shortly after I see the first hummers, the buntings show up. Also have an indigo bunting that feeds about the same time as the painteds. Love my birds!!
at 1:57:29 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Barb Hunt We hope we will.
at 3:59:24 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Pamela Kubik I have seen one pair so far...we usually have at least three pair...
at 19:17:17 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Patty DeVito Thanks for the picture. I saw one today.
Sent from iPad
at 20:26:47 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Cheryl Meyer Hiott This is one of the most beautiful birds you will ever see in your life . I hope you have a chance to see one in the wild
at 21:50:41 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Cheryl Meyer Hiott That looks like a pine warbler possibly? There are several yellow beautiful birds
at 21:52:11 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Cheryl Meyer Hiott I didn't know they went to feeders and to Camden I thought they stayed around the islands ... How wonderful
at 21:54:17 on 4/23/2015 UTC



Sabra Horton I have a mated pair that visits my feeder every year. I live in Smoaks close to the river.I look forward to seeing them every spring.they showed up last week.
at 5:34:58 on 4/24/2015 UTC



Sherri Peterson He sure is a Beauty!
at 19:56:52 on 4/24/2015 UTC



Larry Moore My wife's feeders have two pair on her feeders in Clearwater, SC
at 14:52:54 on 4/25/2015 UTC



Sandra Hoofard Beautiful!
at 15:36:29 on 4/25/2015 UTC



Judy Vogt Donna, Less than 1 minute after I showed this picture to Bob, we had a male painted bunting on our feeder. Just love this time of year. Judy Vogt
at 21:50:18 on 4/25/2015 UTC

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Iris Shillinglaw Beautiful.
at 18:57:31 on 5/09/2015 UTC *(hidden)*



Mistyann Vazquez This little guy was 5 feet from the front door! Wish we had more than one, and have not seen the female yet. From North, SC



at 12:09:29 on 4/21/2018 UTC