4 Dec 2011 Email Submission by Eric Labato:

Here is my report for the female Painted Bunting I saw on 11/26/11.  Photo is attached.

Species:  Painted Bunting

Sex: Female

Location:  Fort Hill Area, Eastham, MA

Date:  November 26, 2011

Time:  About 9:15 AM

Description:  Small bird, approximately the size of a Junco or Chipping Sparrow.  The back was bright green, the under parts were pale yellow.  The bird had a complete eye ring.  No wing bars or other field marks were observed.  It had a conical finch type bill.

Details of sighting:  The bird flew out of a thicket in apparent response to pishing.  The bird perched in the open about 10 yards from the observer allowing for brief study with Leica 10 power binoculars.  Several photos were taken with Canon EOS 7D and 400 mm lens before the bird flew into a weedy field not to be seen again.

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