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OVEN BIRD:

10/10/94 — 100 ft. downstream (in dry, sandy wash) from Great Gallery petroglyphs, Horseshoe Canyon, Canyonlands Nat Park, Wayne County. Approx 2:00 PM. Seen at distances of 100 ft. to as close as 5 ft with 10x40 binocs + naked eye for approx 20 minutes (it stayed; I had to leave).


Field notes observed: two photos attached.

Back — smooth olive (slightly more olive than Peterson; much more olive than Nat Geographic guide). Photo is true, but looked a little more green in real life.

Breast/Belly/Flanks — slightly warm white with marked black stripes.

Head — Same olive-green as back & tail.

Top of head (head stripe) green, not orange, bordered by distinct black stripe. Fine black whisker. White throat. Eyering — white or off white.

Habit — walked. Capable of short flight only (100-200 ft.) due to mud ring or clump on both legs just above toe, about this size →  (Lots of Bentonite clay)

in this area, especially west of there in
Hanksville area.) Bird was feeding in dry,
sandy edge of dry wash, under eroded roots
and base of bushes.

Note: Photo shows some irregular whitish
areas in back + secondary in one
photo. (Is this wear or was this
immature?)

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