

SPECIES: SUMMER Tanager
(Vernacular Name)

NC
PIRANGA RUBRA
(Scientific Name)

DATE(S): 4/25/07 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 11:10 AM TO 11:15 AM

EXACT LOCATION: WOODED AREA ALONG Poudre RIVER SOUTH OF PROSPECT ROAD

NEAREST TOWN: FT. COLLINS COUNTY: LARIMER

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

NONE

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BAUSCH & LOMB ELITE 10 X 42 BINOCULARS

WEATHER CONDITIONS: DRY; MOSTLY CLOUDY BUT BRIGHT

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: BIRD IN FRONT; SUN BEHIND CLOUDS

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: APPROXIMATED AT 35 FEET

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: MALE PLUMAGE: 1ST SPRING

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: THE BIRD FLEW ACROSS THE Poudre RIVER TO MY SIDE AND LANDED ABOUT 35 FEET ABOVE ME. IT THEN FLEW APPROXIMATELY 25 YARDS AND LANDED WITHIN AN OPENING AT ABOUT 15 FEET OFF THE GROUND. I NEVER SAW IT FORAGE FOR FOOD AND IT DID NOT VOCALIZE. I GOT GOOD LOOKS AT THE UNDERNEATH WHEN IT WAS ABOVE ME AND GOOD LOOKS AT THE WINGS AND BACK AFTER IT FLEW.

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):
THE TOP OF THE HEAD WAS YELLOWISH GREEN. THE FACE AREA APPEARED LIGHTER YELLOWISH GREEN AND WAS SPLOTCHED WITH RED, DARKER THAN TYPICAL WESTERN Tanager, AND DISTINCT SPLOTCHES, NOT A WASH
EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.): BLACK EYES

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): THE BILL WAS VERY PALE AND TYPICAL Tanager STYLE

LEGS & FEET: I DID NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THE LEGS

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): THE BACK AND RUMP WERE OLIVE GREEN. I DID NOT NOTICE ANY RED IN THESE AREAS

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.): THE BIRD WAS LIGHT YELLOWISH GREEN ON THE SIDES OF THE NECK TRANSITIONING TO MORE YELLOW ON THE BREAST AND BELLY AND UNDERTAIL COVERTS. THE CHIN AND UPPER BREAST AND SIDES OF NECK WERE SPLOTCHED WITH RED. THE LOWER BELLY AND UNDERTAIL COVERTS WERE THE SAME YELLOW COLOR AS BASE COLOR OF UPPER BREAST.

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):
THE TAIL APPEARED TO BE OLIVE GREEN BOTH ON TOP AND BELOW,
SLIGHTLY DARKER THAN BACK

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): OLIVE GREEN SIMILAR
IN SHADE TO THE BACK. THERE WERE NO WING BARS.

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):
NONE

HABITAT: RIPARIAN AREA

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

WESTERN Tanager WAS ELIMINATED BY OLIVE COLORED WING WITH NO
WING BARS. SCARLET Tanager WAS ELIMINATED BY OLIVE WINGS.
HEPATIC Tanager WAS ELIMINATED BY LACK OF GRAYISH COLORED
EAR COVERTS AND LACK OF GRAY TONES ON WINGS AND TAIL.
Tanager BILL WOULD ELIMINATE OTHER YELLOWISH BIRDS WITH RED.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

I HAVE SEEN ALL SPECIES OF TANAGERS SEVERAL TIMES OVER.
THIS IS THE THIRD SUMMER Tanager I HAVE SEEN IN
COLORADO. I HAVE SEEN TWO WINTER PLUMAGED SCARLET TANAGERS
AND ONE HEPATIC Tanager IN COLORADO. I HAVE SEEN OTHER
SUMMER SCARLET TANAGERS AND HEPATIC TANAGERS OUTSIDE OF COLORADO.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:
NONE

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING XAFTER X OBSERVATION; FROM MEMORY

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