

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☐

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: HEPATIC TANAGER | Piranga flava
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): Sept. 9, 2002Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: red with greyLocality: 300 Peery Place Elevation: ~6000 ftNearest town: Golden, CO County: JeffersonTime(s) observed: 10 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 4 minutes totalOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
no oneOther observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
no oneLight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):
OvercastOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): binocs 7x42 Minolta Max 9000Distance, and how measured: ~30ft away from my living room windowIf photographed, type of equipment and film: Minolta Max 9000, 300mm lens, 200 ASAWho else photographed the bird? no one

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

perched, flew off, came back, perched in different tree then flew off

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

about size ^{shape} of robinbill dark, greyishtail has inverted V at endcolor of beak & grey cheeks, overall ^{dull} red with contrasting belly,secondaries & primary wing feathers greyish

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

no call heard

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

dead aspen tree in my front yard

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

color of beak & wings are different from mostly red
Summer tanager

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

none

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: National Geographic bird book

b) after observation: Peterson & Knutman books, Jeanne McClure
& Hugh Kingery

This report was written from reports made during Nov., after observation yes from picture
Date and time report was written: Nov. 9, 2002

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