

Species: HEPATIC Tanager
(Vernacular Name)

PIRANGA flava A
(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 15, 1982 Time Bird Seen: 10:20 to 10:30

Locality: Beany Reservoir State Rec. Area (north shore)

Nearest Town: Idaho County: Yuma

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: 8x40 Bushnell binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: Good (clear and sunny) sun behind us.

Distance from bird (how measured): 30 ft. (estimated)

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: M Plumage: Transition

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: Calmly perched for 2-3 minutes in upper half of 15 ft. willow on exposed perch. Flew short distance with direct, non-undulating flight to similar perch. Flew again out of sight. Located again in a few minutes on similar perch and after observing for another 2-3 min. flew from sight.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern.

Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Size: similar to Western Tanager but with overall heavier build.

Shape: " " " " " " " "
Plumage: Mottled ^{red} olive and greenish yellow. Head: generally dark red; forehead brighter red than cheeks; back: olive green; breast: mottled dark red and greenish yellow; wings: grayish olive, no wing bars; rump: bright red; under-tail coverts: red; tail: dark red.

Bill: Appeared larger or heavier than that of Western Tanager with which we are most familiar. Color of bill was definitely dark gray.

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

None given.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Riparian lakeside: willow, cottonwood, underbrush - fairly thick.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Western eliminated because of ^{this bird's heavier build} ~~its~~ and plumage

Summer Tanager eliminated by bill size and color; by body shape and shade of red in plumage.

Scarlet by bill size and color; ~~the~~ lack of black in wings and tail.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

No experience with this species. Most familiar with Western. Both of us have seen one Summer Tanager in relatively the same plumage (transition); however recall this bird as being more brightly colored and bill was yellowish-green. Have not seen a Scarlet Tanager yet.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

We wrote a field description before consulting Peterson's Guide to Western Birds and Robbins Birds.

of No. Am. Also read Baird's & Nesbit's Birds of Colorado.

This report was written from notes made during after X observation; from memory

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