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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: HEPATIC TAWAGER | PIRANGA FLAVA
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): MONDAY MAY 30th, 1988Number of birds seen: TWO Sex: PAIR Plumage: BREEDINGLocality: MEJA DE MAYA Elevation: 6000' ?Nearest town: KIM County: LAS ANIMASTime(s) observed: 8:45 - 9:30 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10-15 MINUTES

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

33 OTHERS ON CFO TRIP

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

GOOD LIGHT, SUNSHINEOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x40 BINOCULARS 20x TELESCOPEDistance, and how measured: 50 YARDS, ESTIMATED

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

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

FEEDING IN PINYON AND JUNIPER TREES ON FAR SIDE OF CANYON.ALSO FLYING DOWN CANYON AND LANDING IN LARGE PINE TREES.

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:

THIS PAIR OF MEDIUM SIZED BIRDS WERE OBSERVED ON THE FAR SIDE OF A DEEP CANYON. ONE WAS MOSTLY RED, AND THE OTHER MOSTLY OLIVE-YELLOW.

THE WINGS OF THE FEMALE WERE QUITE DARK AND HAD NO WING BARS.

Description (continued):

THE MALE WAS A DEEP BRICK RED (NOT A BRIGHT RED) WITH SLIGHTLY DARKER, BUT STILL RED, WINGS AND TAIL. WITH BINOCULARS JUST, AND LATER WITH A TELESCOPE, A DARK FACE PATCH WAS CLEARLY SEEN ON THE MALE. THE BILL WAS MEDIUM SIZED AND DARK. THE EYES OF BOTH BIRDS WERE DARK. THESE BIRDS WERE SEEN IN THE SAME CANYON ON MESA DE MAYA WHERE HEPATIC TANAGERS HAVE BEEN SEEN SINCE ABOUT 1980.

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

SONG GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO TAPED CALLS OF HEPATIC TANAGER.

SONG IS DIFFERENT THAN WESTERN TANAGER, BUT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE EITHER SCARLET OR SUMMER TANAGER BY SONG.

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

DEEP CANYON IN MESA DE MAYA WITH LARGE PINE TREES AND MANY JUNIPER TREES. ALSO SCRUB OAK IN BOTTOM OF CANYON.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

SUMMER TANAGER - BRICK RED, NOT BRIGHT RED, MALE WITH DISTINCT EAR PATCH.

SCARLET TANAGER - RED WINGS AND TAIL IN MALE.

WESTERN TANAGER - MOSTLY RED BODY IN MALE.

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

HAVE SEEN HEPATIC TANAGER MANY TIMES IN ARIZONA AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

HAVE SEEN SUMMER TANAGER AND SCARLET TANAGER MANY TIMES IN THE U.S.

EXTREMELY FAMILIAR WITH WESTERN TANAGER

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

a) at time of observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDE

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation X from memory _____
Date and time report was written: 6/19/88

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