

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD REPORT
☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

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CFO-ORC FILE NO. 55-77-45
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Species: HEPATIC TANAGER

(Vernacular Name)

Piranga flava

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 5-9-77 Time Bird Seen: 6:00 PM to 6:15 PM

Locality: Bear Cañon

Nearest Town: Boulder

County: Boulder

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

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Optical Equipment: 7x35 Binoocular

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: Sun behind observers

Distance from bird (how measured): Too close at times for Bino focus

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage: adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

bird stayed low in underbrush but was easy to observe

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:

Bird about 7" long - dull brick red color darker on head + shoulders - cheek patch not conspicuous (see plate 28 # 16, in A Guide to the Birds of Panama, by Ridgely, Robert S.) bill dark slate color - wings red tinged with brown

The lack of a conspicuous gray cheek may have been due to the fact that the bird had just suffered thru a thunder storm and the feathers were still quite ruffled.

(OVER)

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

not heard

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

foothill cañon with hawthorne willow cottonwood

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Summer Tanager has pale bill

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Summer Tanager seen in East + Southwest
Hepatic seen in Southwest

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

A Field Guide to Western Birds - Peterson
A Guide to the Birds of Panama - Ridgely

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

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