

Species: Hepatic tanager Piranga flava
(Common Name) (Scientific)

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Topo Map--Name Cedarwood

--Number Lat 37 Long 104 # H5 Latilong 26
--Sector SE ☒ SW ☐ CE ☐ CW ☐ NE ☐ NW ☐

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Date(s): 7-10-93 Time seen 9 AM to 9:30 AM

Locality eastern rim of Sheep Canyon, 1/2 way between Nedge of block and mouth of Doe Canyon
Nearest town & county Pueblo; Pueblo

Number seen	Gender	Ages	Plumage	Photos
3	Males <u>1</u>	Adults <u>2</u>	Breeding ☒ Transition ☐	Yes /No ☐
	Females <u>1</u>	Juv/Imm <u>1</u>	Eclipse ☐ Dark phase ☐	Avail. ☐
	Imm/O <u>1</u>	2/3 yr ☐	Winter ☐ Light phase ☐	Encl ☐
	Unk ☐	Unk ☐	Other ☐	

Distance from bird(s) 50-100' Light conditions good Notes made: At time of sighting ☒

Optical Equip Zeiss 8x30 binocular After observation from memory ☒

Describe Habitat scattered ponderosa with pinyon-juniper understory; very rugged terrain accessible only by >2 mile hike on private land (permission required)

Atlas Breeding Code Overall behavior. Did it interact with any other birds? Describe.

FL: The adult birds flew in and out of a ponderosa pine while the immature sat quietly in the tree. I did not observe feeding behavior. The adults seemed agitated. I think they were aware of my presence. I could not find a nest. Finally all three birds flew off.

Describe all field marks observed: size, color, pattern, shape, bill, etc. Describe any unique features this bird had.

♂: brick red crown, throat, underparts; distinct gray cheek patch; grayish on flanks and back; bill thick, dark; wings dark; slightly smaller than robin

♀: upperparts gray-olive; underparts yellow; gray cheek patch

imm ♂: same as ♀ but with red spot toward rear of underparts (flanks had reddish tinge) - no streaks on breast

This bird was fully mobile but the close proximity of adults and their agitated behavior made me think it was with its parents and not fully independent

What song or sounds did it make? ~~I~~ I heard birds before I saw them & thought of a black headed grosbeak

Field marks not seen. Why not?

I think I saw the major field marks.

Variation from expected field marks

List similar species. Why and how did you eliminate them?

summer tanager lacks gray cheek patch has light colored bill

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen a few hepatic tanagers in AZ. This was 1st in CO.

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Corroborating observers not reporting separately (but encourage them to provide a report):

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