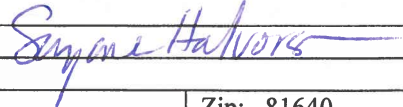


Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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CBRC FILE #: 2002-101		
RESULTS: A		
Species: (Common Name) Summer Tanager		(Scientific Name) Piranga rubra
Date(s) of occurrence: 6 October 2002		
Number of birds seen: 1	Sex: female	Plumage: red morph
Exact location: Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge – Subheadquarters Housing unit #135 on chain link fence (approx UTM 675846E 4518482N)		
County: Moffat	Nearest town: Maybell	Elevation: 5300
Length of observation: On and off for at least 45 minutes		Time(s) of observation: 1400-1500
Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Adam Halvorson		
Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):		
Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Bright afternoon sunlight shining directly on the bird.		
Optical equipment used: 10 x42 binocs		
Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 10 – 15 feet, seen from the house		
Was (were) bird(s) photographed? Yes		If so, are you submitting photos? Yes, when I get them back.
Who took the photograph(s)? Suzanne Halvorson		
Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Perched on chain link fence surrounding garden plot with fresh manure from compost pile. Outside habitat includes cottonwood bottom habitat. Green Rabbitbrush, inland salt grass, alkali sacaton, western wheatgrass.		
Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Perched on chainlink, hunting grasshoppers and crickets in the newly exposed compost.		
DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings – folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes. The first thing my husband noticed was the bill and color. Its bill was very stout, too stout for a western tanager and the bill was pale. No wing bars. back and wing color very drab green/olive/yellow. Belly, chin was a pale yellow. This bird had splotches of pale red all over her body. Large bird, compared to the AMGO at the feeder and the WCSP also feeding in the compost pile. She showed us her back and front in the bright sunlight.		
Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: None heard		
SIMILAR SPECIES – This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Western Tanager has black wings with wing bars. Scarlet Tanager has black wings. Hepatic tanager has black bill. The orioles have very pointy bills and blackish wings with bars.		
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I am a biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service as is my husband. I have many years of experience identifying birds by sight and sound through my seasonal jobs, graduate school and as a professional biologist.		
List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley's and Nat'l Geo		
This report was made from (check one) ___ notes made during observation ___ notes made after observation <u>X</u> later from memory.		
Date and time of written report: 11 October 2002 1119		
Reporting observer: Suzanne Halvorson		Signature: 
Reporting observer's address: 1318 HWY 318		
City: Maybell	State: CO	Zip: 81640

