

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: SCARLET TANAGER Piranga olivacea 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Gunnison, CO., 5 mi, ne. near River.
4. Date(s): September 3, 1972 5. Time bird seen: ca. 1 pm to 1-20
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
Typical size and shape of scarlet tanager; black wings, now wing-bars/ back rather bright olive-green; bill of typical tanager profile, well seen against blue sky, but away from sun. Underparts yellowish, but, of course, shaded. Too large for Western Tanager, which was seen a few days later, and has wing-bars, of course.
7. Description of voice, if heard:
8. Description of behavior: Sat quietly; fed little or not at all.
9. Habitat--general: brush at edge of woods
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
11. Distance (how measured?): 35' feet from kitchen window. Seen later against trees & sky
12. Optical equipment: 7x 50 glass
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
Sun on bird, at my back; bird perched low.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Familiar with Summer, Western, Scarlets, latter 2 in both plumages
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? Experience
16. Other observers:
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Standard manuals, Audubon, Pearson, etc.
Bailey, F.M.; Chapman, Peterson, Robbins, Zinn et al
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
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Signature
Date Prepared: 12/31/72 City and State: _____

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