

☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD☐ NEW STATE RECORD☒ ACCEPTED☐ REJECTED *12/24/77*Species: Scarlet TanagerPiranga olivacea

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): June 19, 1977Time Bird Seen: 6:30 pm to 8 pmLocality: "Kinnikinnik ranch", Poudre Valley, now Bliss cabins, 8 miles up canyon from PoudreNearest Town: Chapel and Arrowhead Lodge; ca 51 m fr Ft Collins County: Larimer County

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

NoneOptical Equipment: NO BINOCULARS USED.If photographed, type of equipment used: PENTAX SPOTMATIC II w/TAKUMAR ZOOM TELEPHOTO LENSLight Conditions: GOOD - PARTLY CLOUDYDistance from bird (how measured): 90-100' WHEN PHOTOGRAPHED. FIRST SIGHTING WAS ABOUT20' DISTANT. (Estimated distance)Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: male Plumage: adult nuptial plumage

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

exploring and feeding in old spruces around cabinsDescribe 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:

Am familiar with Scarlet Tanager farther east; brilliant red body and black wings and tail are unmistakable, and they show on the enclosed color transparency when projected on screen.

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FIRST SIGHTING OF THIS Tanager occurred when he flew down on the front lawn directly in front of me (about 20') - after which I went to get my camera. I saw him almost constantly for the next hour or so, but many views were among the interior dark depths of the spruce branches - too dark for my light meter. He never uttered a sound the entire time of observation - at least not that I heard.

(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:

Poudre valley at this point is mixed ponderosa pine, and aspen, some willow and cottonwood along the River, but exact site where bird was seen, near the cabins, has several planted, old, large spruces and the bird was watched for over an hour, off and on, in these planted spruces.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Nothing can be confused with the striking red and black Scarlet Tanager.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Have lived in the eastern U.S. and observed this species frequently.

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

Robbins Birds of North America, Peterson's Field Guide to Western Birds, Bailey and Niedrach's Colorado Birds, and consultation with Dr. Gustav A. Swanson of Colorado State University, who directed my graduate work to the M.S. This report was written from notes made during after observation; from memory X

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