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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Scarlet Tanager | Piranga olivacea
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): MAY 14, 1986Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: female Plumage: ~~immature~~ adultLocality: Tamarich Ranch Elevation: 3825Nearest town: Crook County: LoganTime(s) observed: 8:00 to 8:10 A.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Bill Prather 13810 Weld County road #1 Logansport, Co. 80501Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
776-2191

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Sunny with sun at our backsOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X50 BinocularsDistance, and how measured: 50 feet (guess)If photographed, type of equipment and film: —Who else photographed the bird? —

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Flying about feeding in the cottonwoods, turning different directions giving us good looks at the wings.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

Tanager size—yellow underparts from the eye area down below throat, belly to undertail coverts.Uniform olive colored upperparts, head, back

Description (continued):

wings, tail. Completely olive colored wings. We saw this character twice very well. The first look was from 100 feet away in a Cottonwood Tree, then saw much better as it flew to a lower tree and fed 50 feet away. Once it turned almost upside down (after wing insert) and gave us a great look at the wings, no wing bars at all.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. f perch, in flight, duration):

None given

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Riparian habitat.

Cottonwood, willow and ash tree association

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Western Tanager female - looks very similar but no noticeable whitish wing bars.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I've seen thousands of Scarlet Tanagers when I lived in Ohio and 100's of Western Tanagers in the western U.S.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation: field guide - to North American Birds - Geographic 1983.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation ✓ from
Date and time report was written: _____

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