

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: May 8, 1990Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: breedingLocality: Two Buttes Creek 1.5 miles below Two Buttes dam Elevation: 4250 ±Nearest town: 17 miles NNE of Springfield County: BarraTime observed: 4 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 minutes

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

None

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

None

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

Very windy - Moderate sun at my backOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 8X binocularsDistance, and how measured: 150 yards est. (Herd of young bulls under trees so I did not venture closer)If photographed, type of equipment and film: NoWho else photographed the bird? _____

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

I saw a flash of red as bird moved from one perch to another in tops of wind blown willows. Bird remained perched in tops of willows - swaying back & forth in the wind.

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:

Medium sized tanager, red all over except jet black wings and tail

Description (continued):

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

None

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

The only large clump of cottonwoods and willows on this part of Two Butte Creek.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Summer and Hepatic Tanagers do not have black wings as a rule.

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

I have seen all the tanagers.

This is my third or fourth Scarlet Tanager in Colo.

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

a) at time of observation:

None

b) after observation:

Natural Geographic

Birds of N. A.

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory ☒

Date and time report was written: *May 21, 1990 3:15 PM*

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