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SPECIES: Scarlet Tanager | Piranga olivacea 55-96-96
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name) rec'd 11/18/96

DATE(S): 10-30-96 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 2:15 TO 2:30

EXACT LOCATION: Platform Feeder - 730 E. Redwood Ct. Highlands Ranch

NEAREST TOWN: Highlands Ranch COUNTY: Douglas

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

only myself

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: Swarovski ~~800~~ Binoculars 7x42

WEATHER CONDITIONS: overcast - cold - 25°

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: Bird was in east part of my yard - in afternoon - but cloud

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: Home to Feeder - 10-12 yards

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: M PLUMAGE: Winter

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: The Bird sat at my platform feeder for 15 minutes. The feeder contained sunflower chips & an orange - He was quiet, not moving much - He moved his head a lot looking around. Ate a bit - he turned a couple of times & stretched his wings - then jumped to ground & under bushes - couldn't relocate Bird

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):
head Greenish Yellow

EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.):
Eye - Dark -

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): Tanager shaped -
Bill - Pinkish - or "stain" colored

LEGS & FEET: Dark

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.):
Back - not showing much difference from head color - rump yellow - upper tail coverts Dark Gray - almost Black

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.):
Chin yellow, throat yellow - Belly - yellow all the way down - sides & flanks yellow - he appeared a very lemon-yellow - color -

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RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):

tail feathers - all dark

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.):

wings - charcoal grey almost black - no wing bars

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):

none

HABITAT: High Plains - Suburban

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

no wing bars - Western Tanager

Dark wings - not female Summer Tanager

no face pattern - Hepatic Tanager

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

Have seen breeding males in pairs & females

Have seen winter male in Boulder a couple of years ago

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

Not Geographic - Golden Guide - Peterson - Audubon Warbler
guide to Birding

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING AFTER OBSERVATION; FROM MEMORY

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