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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Rarity Report Form

Common Name: Scarlet Tanager **Scientific Name:** *Piranga olivacea*
Number of Individuals: One. **Sex:** Male. **Age:** Adult.
Locality: Colorado: 2 miles east of CO Hwy 71 on 3V road. Lincoln **County:**
Date(s) Seen: 11 May 1998 **Time:** About 2:30pm.
Reporting Observer: Christopher L. Wood, 3465 S. Otis Court, Lakewood, CO 80227
Other Observers: Joey Kellner and Norm Erthal.
Light Conditions: Cloudy. **Optical Equipment:** B&L Elite 10 * 42 binoculars
Distance to Bird: 8-30 meters. **Duration of Observation:** 7 minutes.
Habitat: Vagrant trap composed of about 12 flowering trees (cherries?) on eastern plains.

We had just finished birding Lake Henry where we had good numbers of birds, so we were excited as we approached the "3V migrant trap." On earlier occasions I had seen Gray-cheeked Thrush and Blackpoll Warbler, so we all had high hopes. Upon entering the grove we first found a male Blackpoll Warbler, followed soon by a Northern Parula. We then found the male Scarlet Tanager! Not bad for one little isolated group of trees.

Description: About the size of Western Tanager. Bright red (about the color of the red on Vermilion Flycatcher) overall except for jet-black wings and tail. Bill yellow-green, about the size of Western Tanager, but not quite as thick. Dark gray legs.

Behavior: First seen hopping about in flowering trees. It later flew into the tall cottonwoods.

Vocalizations: None.

Similar Species: Summer and Hepatic Tanagers have rose-colored wings and tail, and darker, larger bills.

Tape recordings / Photos? None.

References: None.

Description from: ____ Contemporaneous notes; __xx__ Later notes; ____Memory.

Experience with Species: I have seen and heard hundreds in spring, summer and fall Wisconsin, and a handful in the spring in Colorado.

Are you Positive of the Identification? Yes.

Signature: Chris L. Wood

Date: 7/6/98