

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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CFO-RC FILE X:

RESULTS:

Species:(Common Name) Scarlet Tanager

(Scientific Name) *Piranga olicacea*

Date(s) of occurrence: 16 May 2000

Number of birds seen: 1 adult male

Location: Below Two Buttes Reservoir dam, in cottonwoods on south side of wetland, Baca County

Length of observation: 35 seconds

Time(s) of observation:

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: None

Other Observers who independently saw the bird(s): None

Conditions: partly cloudy; a glorious fresh day!

Optical equipment used: B & L Elite 10 x 42 binocular.

Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 55 meters

Photos: None

Habitat: Riparian woods

Details:

I had my windows down as I drove down to the migrant trap below the dam at Two Buttes. When I stopped the car I heard a hoarse sounding tanager singing from the cottonwoods. I thought there was a strong possibility it was a Scarlet Tanager. I got out of the car and looked with my binocular at the larger cottonwoods. A bright red tanager with black wings and tail was singing from near the top of one of the largest trees. The bill was pale. I shut the door and started walking toward the bird. It flew into another group of trees and I never saw it again. I heard it a couple more times.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen and heard several hundred Scarlet Tanagers, mostly in the Midwest, and all other *Piranga* tanagers known to have occurred in the ABA area.

List books, guides, recordings or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): None

This report is from notes made immediately after observation.

Date of written report: 7 February 2001

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