

RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION

Records of Vermont Birds

The following form has been prepared to encourage full documentation, when requested, of rare or unseasonal birds in the state of Vermont. These reports are put into a permanent file and should be as detailed as possible. New reports are reviewed annually by the Vermont Bird Records Committee, which evaluates records for their acceptability to future researchers and for inclusion in the state bird list.

Please print or type

SPECIES: Summer Tanager

NUMBER OBSERVED: 1

OBSERVER MAKING REPORT: OTHER OBSERVERS (and addresses if available)

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LOCATION: (place, township, county)

Chittenden

DATE: May 14th, 2014

TIME AND LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 7pm for about an hour

DISTANCES FROM BIRD: Maximum_40'____ Minimum__20'____

WEATHER: Mostly Sunny. Some Clouds but beautiful 7pm sunlight that

wind direction _out of the west____ wind speed __about 5-10mph_____

sky cover _____ light in relation to observer's position temperature:

light was directly behind me and bathing the bird

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: (make, power, etc.)

Nikon Monarch 5 8X42
Coolpix 520 camera, 180mm with 42x Digital zoom

OBSERVER'S PREVIOUS ACQUAINTANCE WITH THIS SPECIES OR SIMILAR FORMS:

Very familiar with the Scarlett Tanager. In fact there was one close by as well. I have seen the Summer Tanager before in Florida.

OTHER DOCUMENTATION: Photo yes_ Tape Recording _____ Specimen _____

If yes to the above, where is this information deposited? _____ see attached _____

HABITAT: (be as detailed as possible, include associated bird species)

The bird was over some large deciduous trees that were next to the road in front of our house. Rural dead end street. He was bouncing back in forth between both sides of the road and would occasionally move further into a large forest that line the road but would come back out to the sun bathed area over the road.

BIRD'S BEHAVIOR: (feeding actions, manner of flight, displays or interactions, reaction to observer)
Very quiet. Was feeding a bit, and moving from branch to branch in a fairly small areas. No singing/calling.

VOCALIZATION: (song or calls)
None

DESCRIPTION: (Describe what you actually saw during the observation. We hope that observers will take field notes during the observation and before consulting field guides, etc. Additional pages with sketches and copies of field notes are encouraged.)

Relative size and shape: Tanager size, there was a male scarlett nearby to comeare to and seemed to be pretty close in size.

Head (crown, cheeks, eye, throat, nape): [see photo](#)

Feet and Bill (shape, color, length): [see photo](#)

Upper back: [See photo](#)

Lower back and rump: [see photo](#)

Wings (shape, length, markings): [see photo](#)

Breast, belly, flanks, undertail coverts: [see photo](#)

Tail (shape, length, markings): [scalloped/beveled and moulting](#)

IMPORTANT: WHAT SIMILAR SPECIES WERE ELIMINATED WHEN MAKING THIS IDENTIFICATION AND HOW WAS THIS BIRD DIFFERENT?

Scarlett was eliminated do to similarity of photo to photos of the first year summer. Very distinct differences.

COMMENTS: (was age or sex determined?, etc.) [First Year Male](#)



This report was written from notes taken during _____ immediately after _____ the observation, or written from memory ___x___ (please attach copies of notes if available)

NAME (print)___Curt Alpeter_____SIGNATURE (not req'd)_____

MAILING ADDRESS ___267 Garen Road Charlotte, Vt 05445_____

DATE __05.15.14_____

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