

Western Tanager  
22 Jun 1969  
De Soto NWR, Harrison Co., IA  
Grover C. Bramel  
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Record Number: 81-EH  
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REFERENCE

Bramel, G.C. 1969. Another Iowa Western Tanager. IBL 39:64-65.  
VOTE (1981): 6-III, 1-IV  
III, good detail.  
III, sight record in June (22). Description good.  
IV, Date, short time of observation, frontal and quarter view  
raise some doubts. However sighting may be correct.

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Another Iowa Western Tanager -- On June 22, 1969 in a deciduous forest about 200 yards east of the south entrance to De Soto Bend National Wildlife Refuge I saw a male Western Tanager. The bird was perched on a dead branch about 50 feet from the road, where it remained for about one minute, presenting a front and quarter view. Sunshine was sufficient to show true colors. It was identified as a male Western Tanager in full breeding plumage, by the following: Size; comparable to more common Scarlet Tanager or Baltimore Oriole; body, yellow; wings, dark, with bars; tail, dark; bill, light colored; head and face, red, shading into yellow breast. At about the same time and location a bird of similar appearance except for the red face, was seen flying between trees, and may have been the female Western Tanager. --GROVER C. BRAMEL, 1612 Masonic Manor, Omaha, Nebraska