

Western Tanager
15 May 1984
Sabula, Jackson Co., IA
*Lee G. Johnson
IBL 54:86; 55:57

Record Number: 84-21
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Lee G. Johnson

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 54:86

Records Committee: IBL 55:57

VOTE: 7-III

III, Lee is an excellent and cautious observer. Should have been reported to Bird line promptly--hopefully he has been told this.

III, Not a good complete description but adequate to support Western Tanager.

III, Well described, easy to identify bird.

Summary of Review of an Ornithologic Observation
by the Records Committee
of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union

SPECIES: WESTERN TANAGER
DATE SEEN: May 15, 1984
SITE OF OBSERVATION: near Sabula, JACKSON County
OBSERVERS: Lee Johnson
DATE OF REVIEW: 1984
METHOD OF REVIEW: Circulation to Records Committee
CLASSIFICATION OF RECORD: III

COMMENTS:
The Committee generally agreed that this bird was well described, and, as a rather easy-to-identify bird, was convinced that the identification was correct.

The opinions expressed here are based on the information available to the Committee and should not necessarily preclude an alternate interpretation by those who observed the bird firsthand.

Any action may be re-reviewed upon submission of additional evidence.

- Explanation of Classification:
- I = labeled, diagnostic specimen, photograph, or recording available for review by the Committee
 - II = acceptable sight record documented independently by 3 or more observers
 - III = acceptable sight record documented by 1 or 2 observers
 - IV = probably correct record, but not beyond doubt
 - V = record with insufficient evidence to judge
 - VI = probably incorrect identification, escapee, or otherwise unacceptable record

Classification is based on the highest category agreed upon by six of seven committee members.

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IOWA SIGHTINGS

BLACK-BELLIED ALLOVER - (4 BIRDS) 5/15 GREEN ISLAND AREA

HUDSONIAN COOYAT (3 BIRDS) NEAR SUBULA, IOWA 5/23

SEEN STANDING + FLYING

STILT SANDPIPER (4 BIRDS) NEAR SUBULA, IOWA 5/23

✓ WESTERN Tanager 1 MALE 5/15

NEAR SUBULA, IOWA ALONG MISSISSIPPI
RIVER.

I WAS STANDING ALONG A ROAD SQUEEKING FOR WARBLERS ON A CLEAR DAY EARLY IN THE MORNING (7:20 AM) WITH THE SUN TO MY BACK. UP POPE A WESTERN Tanager AND MOVED AROUND ON A BRANCH ABOUT 24 FEET IN FRONT OF ME IN FULL SUNLIGHT. IT WAS IN FULL VIEW FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES AND I COULD SEE IT CLEARLY THROUGH MY SWIFT ADOUBON BINOCULARS.

THE HEAD WAS RED (A LITTLE MORE ORANGE THAN THAT OF A CARDINAL). THE LOWER BACK OF THE NECK AND MAIN BODY COLOR WAS YELLOW. THE WINGS AND BACK BETWEEN THE WINGS WERE BLACK WITH YELLOW SHOULDER PATCHES AND TWO WING BARS. THERE IS NO OTHER BIRD THAT THIS BIRD COULD BE CONFUSED WITH. I VIEW WAS ALMOST AS GOOD AS HOLDING THE BIRD IN YOUR HAND I HAVE NO DOUBT AS TO THE IDENTIFICATION.

THE BIRD FLEW OFF OVER MY HEAD.