

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Western Tanager

2 May 1997

Des Moines, Polk Co., IA

\*Pauline Rowe

IBL 68:86

Record Number: 97-29

Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Pauline Rowe, 2801 Madison, Des Moines [10/1/97]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: no report

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VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, Key features of male noted within 1 day of observation by an experienced "amateur" birder.

A-D, Early date is typical for eastern strays.

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

97-29

What species? Western Tanager How many? 1  
Location? 2801 Madison, Des Moines, IA - Back yard  
Type of Habitat? On our bird feeder - large evergreen nearby,  
When? date(s): MAY 2, 1997 + MAY 3 time: 8:00 8:30  
10:30 to 11:00  
Who? your name and address: Pauline Rowe, 2801 Madison, Des Moines, IA  
Twice both days  
Others with you: none  
Others before or after you: No

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Brilliant. About 7 inches. Body all yellow. Had a red head & face. Wings and tail were black with yellow wing bars.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.  
Clear skies - daylight - 21 3/4 feet from kitchen window (tape measure)

Previous experience with species and similar ones:  
Been interested in birds as a amateur for over 50 years.

References and persons consulted before writing description:  
Talked to John Owens of Waterloo, former Pres. of Iowa Ornithologist. He referred me to Robert Cecil  
How long before field notes made? 1 day this form completed? 7-15-97

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).