

Summerlot

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Summer tanager (imt. male) How many? 1

Location? Back yard in town of Union at - Hardin County

Type of habitat? Merle Stanfield residence

When? date(s): May 9 time: 9:15 AM to 9:30 AM

Who? your name and address: Ramona R Sommerlot Union, Ia 50258

Others with you: Harriet & Merle Stanfield

Others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Bird flew to Apple tree and down to grass  
Near corn feeder - even got in feeder eating cracked corn - 20' away. Bird smaller than robin - more thrush size. Orange-red head & chest and down center of back. Back of neck a spot of tanish green & a spot on top of head some way. Black eye - olive green wings with some tan at fore of wings (no wing bars) yellow belly, under tail brighter orange - tail mixture of orange - yellow - olive colors. Bill stout - tail slightly notched - Grackles would come in to eat Sitanager - fly off then come in when they left.

Similar species and how eliminated: other tanagers -

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
20' Sunny - good light on bird - 7x35 Bushnell

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Saw last year - something May 16 - 1982 imt. male -

References and persons consulted before writing description: Audubon Bird guide Pough - has good picture

How long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? May 26 - 1983

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