

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Summer Tanager How many? 1Location? Sweet Marsh - Bremer CoType of habitat? Timber at south side of marshWhen? date(s): May 13, 1983 time: 7:00 A.M. to 7:10 A.M.Who? your name and address: Robert K. Myers 1236 Sylvia Ave. Waterloo, Iowaothers with you: Francis Mooreothers 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 was sitting in oak timber at south edge of Sweet Marsh. Bird was approx. size + shape of scarlet tanager except the color was a ~~pink~~ flat red all over. The bill was ~~a~~ bone color and large (bigger than scarlets). The bird was a young ♂ just going into adult plumage as seen by the greenish tinge in the wings and on upper back. Bird also had a greenish spot on each side (flank).

Similar species and how eliminated: Scarlet tanager is only similar sp. Reds are different. Scarlets are a much richer more vivid red than the almost flat red of a summer. Scarlets show black wings + tail. Summer has a bigger bill. (very obvious). Hepatic tanager should show dark bill + gray cheek patch.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

The day was overcast, sun was certainly no problem, but there was good light and we were only about 50' away from perched bird. We both use B&L 7x35 binocs.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I have seen quite a few summer Tanagers in southern Ia. (especially S.W. Iowa) and am very familiar with scarlets.

References and persons consulted before writing description: I looked at Roberts - Birds of Minn. for discussion of various molts.

How long before field notes made? 6 hrs. this form completed? 2 days

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