

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? SUMMER Tanager (♂) How many? ONELocation? NEAR POST #6 IN THE SOUTH CANYON OF
HICKORY HILL PARK IN IOWA CITY.Type of habitat? SOMEWHAT OPEN AREA NEAR TRAIL ADJACENT TO DEEP WOODSWhen? date(s): MAY 17, 1987 time: 8:30 AM to 8:32 AMWho? your name and address: THOMAS M. SCHULEIN 21 HAWTHORNE ST.
IOWA CITY, IA. 52240others with you: NONEothers before or after you: NONE

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.

THE BIRD WAS PLUMP, SMALLER THAN A ROBIN, ABOUT 7" LONG. IT WAS Tanager-LIKE IN APPEARANCE ALTHOUGH I ONLY KNOW THAT FROM OBSERVING PICTURES (SEE NOTE BELOW). BIRD ALL REDDISH WITHOUT BLACK WINGS BUT WITH FAINT BLACK STREAKS OR WASH IN WINGS. NO CREST. THROAT, BREAST AND BELLY WERE RED. THE BILL WAS LIGHT COLORED AND STOUT. THE HEAD WAS RED.

THE CALL HEARD WAS A PIK' A TUR, PIK' A TUR, PIK' A TUR TYPE, NOT IN TRIPLETS BUT IT GAVE THAT CALL SEVERAL TIMES.

Similar species and how eliminated: ♂ SCARLET Tanager HAS BLACK WINGS AND TAIL.
♂ NORTHERN CARDINAL HAS A CREST, BLACK AROUND THE MOUTH, A REDDISH BILL AND A PROPORTIONATELY LONGER TAIL. ♂ PINE GROSBEAK HAS A DARK BILL, WING BARS, AND A DARK TAIL.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

SHADE AND SUNLIGHT.
ABOUT 30 FEET, ESTIMATED
MINOLTA 10 X 50 BINOCULARS

Previous experience with species and similar ones: I HAVE NEVER SEEN EITHER
A SUMMER OR A SCARLET TanagerReferences and persons consulted before writing description: JIM SANDROCK,
MARK SNYDER, JIM FULLER.How long before field notes made? 3 HOURS this form completed? 5-28-87

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