

✓ HARMS

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Summer Tanager How many? 2 (♂ + ♀)

Location? Ron Reese farm, Palo Alto Co., NW corner of Rush Lake

Type of habitat? Pine + apple trees

When? date(s): 13 May 1983 time: 2:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Who? your name and address: Ronald Harms, Leutens, 50554

others with you: Ron and Pat Reese

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.

Male in changing plumage: red head shading to patchy green + red below to rest. Above rear half mostly green.

Female: dull olive above and light green below

possible photos

5/14/83 2:30 P.M. The pair were still in the same area - possible photos again!  
Other observer: Judy Carlson *R.H.*

5/15/83 4:00 P.M. I did not see either bird this P.M. *R.H.*

Similar species and how eliminated: No dark wings  
No wing bars

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
clear light, 20ft. - 60ft. Field glasses + just observed

Previous experience with species and similar ones: None other than Scarlet Tanagers

References and persons consulted before writing description: We had Peterson's guide  
to use at our leisure

How long before field notes made? None this form completed? 30 min  
*Ronald Harms*

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