

Louisiana Ornithological Society's

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Report Form

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. **English and Scientific names:** *Western Tanager* (*Piranga ludoviciana*)
2. **Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage** (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): One adult male, alt. plumage.
3. **Locality:** LOUISIANA: CAMERON

 _____ (parish)

 _____ (specific locality)
4. **Date(s) when observed:** April 14, 1995 (Removed present 4-13 → 4-16)
5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** mid-day (present all day according to other observers)
6. **Reporting observer and address:**
 P CONOVER (919 W PINHOOK LAFAYETTE
 LA 70503)
7. **Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):**
 Bill Fontenot, Bill Vermillion
8. **Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):**
9. **Light conditions** (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Full sun
10. **Optical equipment** (type, power, condition):
 10x40s → Kowax Sony camcorder
11. **Distance to bird(s):**
 down to 10 feet (too close to focus 10x's)
12. **Duration of observation:**
 1 1/2 hour
13. **Habitat:**
 Hung close to waterholes; acacias & Hackberry
 predominantly.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

Typical of ~~some~~ species, fly caught, sidled up & down branches eating caterpillars, etc. Loud bill click when sallying for,

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

Glossy black tail & wings; black saddle, yellow rump, underparts & upper back. Head tinged orange/red. Upper wing bar broad, yellow. Lower wing bar thinner, whitish.

16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Second-year male Summer Tanager w/out black saddle & wings, & without wing bars.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

VIDEO'ed.

19. Previous experience with this species: Fairly extensive; also of course w/ Summer & Scarlet.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: I said, "wow, male Western,"

b. after observation: and a passerby said nonchalantly, "oh yeah, it's been here all week."

21. This description is written from: ___ notes made during the observation (___ notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___); ___ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: yes

23. Signature of reporter:  JULY 3 '95
(date) (time)

