

## 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 information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach photocopy of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include complete series of 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. (If you use this form as a computer template; please submit on archival quality = 100% cotton paper.)

1. English and Scientific names: Western Tanager-Finch (*Paranga ludoviciana*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage: 1 ad. ♂
3. Locality: Crowley CBC
4. Date(s) when observed: January 2002
5. Time(s) of day when observed: noon-ish
6. Reporting observer and address: Ken Rosenberg, 206 Tarryton Dr,  
Ithaca NY 14850
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
John Fitzpatrick
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Light conditions: fine
10. Optical equipment: Swarovski 10x42
11. Distance to bird(s): as close as 20m
12. Duration of observation: 1-2 minutes
13. Habitat: isolated island of live oaks in agricultural land
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation: We played recording of E. Screech-Owl being mobbed by chickadees - as birds came in and responded, we heard a loud "pit-i-trek" call, which I identified as a Western Tanager (call ended w/ higher "trek" note and was faster, compared with "pit-a-trek" of Summer Tanager). It took a while to locate the bird visually, but then it came closer, and we saw it was a male Western Tanager. Observed off and on for 1-2 minutes before it flew back and disappeared.

15.) Description: Medium-sized bird, yellow underparts, dark wings with prominent wing bars, yellow lesser coverts(?) forming triangle on shoulder. Center of back was black. Some orange color on face and head, but reduced compared with breeding male. Bill looked relatively small for a tanager and was at least partly pale.

16.) Voice: repeated "pit-i-tee" call notes.

17.) Similar species and how they were eliminated: call was right for WETA; dark back, prominent wing bars eliminated other tanagers. Heavy bill, plumage pattern eliminated orioles (+calls)

18.) Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): NO

19.) Previous experience with this species: lots

21.) Identification aids:

a. at time of observation: not sure I ever actually looked at

b. after observation: abode, associated with this sighting.

22.) This description is written from: notes made during the observation; notes made  
(immediately) after the observation (date:           ); or X memory. Please attach copy  
of field notes.

23.) Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: YES

24.) Signature of reporter: Kevin V. Radley 9/28/02  
(date) (time)