

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Hepatic Tanager Piranga flava
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 individual probable immature male, however (per Sibley) bright adult female similar but color on head forehead color yellow orange) this bird looked more orange red.
3. Parish:
Jefferson
4. Specific Locality:
Mississippi River batture at the of Colonial Club drive Harahan LA 70123
29.92675*N,90.20937*W lub Drive
5. Date(s) when observed: Saturday , January ,6, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: around 12:40 PM
7. Reporting observer: Cathy DiSalvo
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
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9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
photo ID confirmed by Van Remsen, Dan Lane and Paul Conover
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): filtered light through deciduous trees
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss binoculars 10x 40
12. Distance to bird(s): 25 ft in mid story of deciduous tree
13. Duration of observation: 2-3 min intermittent viewing as bird moved through trees
14. Habitat: scrubby tree edge on batture , mostly deciduous trees with some underbrush. 50 ft from river edge
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): first

observed flock activity in an otherwise quiet midday, so played "fuss" tape. This bird came in after about 3-4 minutes of the tape. Views were fleeting but time enough to get a few pictures in the open with decent light. Initially dismissed the tanager as an immature summer tanager which would be the usual vagrant in this habitat this time of year. Later when viewing pictures saw the dark bill, and dusky cheeks.

16. 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):

dull yellow overall with orange-red wash on forehead , vent, chin. black bill with pale silver at base unlike summer and scarlet tanagers. dark eye line and gray cheeks. no wing bars as western tanager.

17. Voice: did not vocalize

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): differed from summer and scarlet tanager by black stubby bill with gray base and gray face and from western by absence of wing bars

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): photos by me , attached

20. Previous experience with this species: seen twice . once many years ago in Arizona and last spring in Grand Isle

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

National Geographic Field Guide to Birds , 7th ed Sibley Guides to Birds , 2nd ed, ebird photos photos to Dr James Remsen, Dan Lane, and Paul Conover

22. Identification aids used when?
After observation

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:
YES

24. Date report completed:
01/22/2024

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes



