

# 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 <i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1 female, age uncertain, but probably immature	
3. Locality: <b>LOUISIANA</b> Parish: St. Tammany	Specific locality: 19170 Antenor St, Mandeville
4. Date(s) when observed: Tuesday, 12/6/11	
5. Time(s) of day when observed: Early afternoon, about 1:00PM	
6. Reporting observer and address: <b>Tom Trenchard, 104 Penn Mill Lakes Blvd, Covington, LA 70435-0573; email: trench19@hotmail.com</b>	
7. <u>Other observers</u> accompanying reporter who also <i>identified</i> the bird(s): Claire Thomas (homeowner)	
8. <u>Other observers who independently identified</u> the bird(s): N/A	
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Fair to good (cloudy).	
10. Optics: <b>Tom-10x42 Bushnell</b> (submitter), Claire 10x50 Wind River	
11. Distance to bird(s): About 40 to 50 feet away in small, bare oak tree, about 20 feet up.	
12. Duration of observation: 1 to 2 minutes	
13. Habitat: Residential yard with feeders, pine trees, other smaller trees (oaks & more), brushy and wet areas.	
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): At rest primarily (perching).	
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, <i>not what "should" have been seen</i> ; 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): Tanager-type passerine, about 7.5" long, tanager-type bill very noticeable (pale or flesh colored, thick, but not pointed like an oriole); olive-yellow above, yellow on upper breast to whitish or very pale yellow on belly (probably a young female); wingbars very noticeable. Ruled out all other tanagers due to wingbars; ruled out all winter icterids due to bill shape, size and color.	
16. Voice: Silent.	
17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Other tanagers and Baltimore and Bullock's Orioles. Eliminated as described above (bill size/shape/color), wingbars..	
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Unable to obtain photos.	
19. Previous experience with this species: I have seen this species in Grand Isle before. Lifer for Claire.	
20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):	
a. at time of observation: NatGeo 6 <sup>th</sup> Ed.; Sibley's East; Kaufman's	
b. after observation: same	
21. This description is written from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made during the observation ( <input type="checkbox"/> notes attached?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> notes made after the observation (date: <u>12/11/11</u> ); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> memory	
22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: 100% certainty	
23. Signature of reporter: Tom Trenchard	Date/Time: 12/29/11 8:45PM
24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, may we include your name with the report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	