

at least one and probably two female Prothonotary Warblers on the edge of woods adjacent to our back yard in Berwyn, Chester County.

The plumage of the exhaustively studied individual was light yellow above the bill shading into yellowish-olive on top of the head. The yellowish-olive then shaded into a very dark gray or grayish-blue in the middle of the back. The wings, lower back and tail (except for tail spots) had the same dark color. There were no wing bars. A yellow stripe above the eye connected with the yellow above the bill and extended behind the eye. The side of the head was yellowish-olive.

Since the individual was almost continually in motion, on only a few occasions was I able to see a narrow, faint yellow eye ring. The throat and breast were pure yellow. The belly and undertail coverts were white. Rectangular white tail spots, estimated to be about 8 mm in length, were located in the outer tail feathers. A few narrow longitudinal blackish lines were evident in the tail spots. The second female was identical except that its eyering appeared to be a fainter yellow.

I visited the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia to study the skins of all species and hybrids with which these birds could be confused. With the assistance of Mark Robbins, it was determined that the only possible identification was that of the autumn female Prothonotary Warbler.

The West Chester (PA) Bird Club's ANNOTATED LIST OF CHESTER COUNTY BIRDS, 1979 states that the Prothonotary Warbler is casual in the county, that is, recorded one or two times in a decade but may be expected to recur. This record, then, represents not only a very late sighting of the bird, but an unusual one for Chester County.

— T. Doman Roberts, 430 Cassatt Road, Berwyn, PA 19312

A D.V.O.C. Rare Bird Report is on file.

#780
780-01-1983
Summer Tanager in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania: While birding on June 4, 1983 in a wooded section of Montgomery County, PA approximately 2-3 miles northeast of Sumneytown, we found a male Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*). The bird, in full red plumage, was observed in good but overcast light on at least three occasions that day. The day was somewhat overcast with a threat of rain (it did rain round 5:30 p.m. There were southwest winds, 5-10 mph. A 22x scope, 7x and 10x binoculars were used. The bird's song was recorded also.

The Summer Tanager's characteristic "hiccup call" was repeated from a number of singing perches in the area. From observations made that day, by Ms. Tyrrell the next day, and Fingerhood and others on subsequent days, we were able to establish that the bird had proclaimed for itself a sloping territory approximately 300 yards long by 50 yards wide along and within a power line cut through an oak-hickory-maple woods which bordered the "cut". The open area between the wood edges had low, scrubby growth predominately of multi-flora rose and other low, spiny plants.

On the first day, at least, the bird repeatedly gave its call notes. Because the call is diagnostic (pers. comm., Mark Robbins), it is worth describing here.

The bird repeated the call 8-10 times per minute from an open perch around 2:30 p.m. The call sounded like the tanager had a mild case of the hiccups and could quite properly be dubbed the "Hiccup Call" of the Summer Tanager. The call randomly varied between a three and two-part call, as follows: *hic-cup-cup* and *hic-cup*.

The bird was last observed on June 18. At no time was there evidence of a resident female Summer Tanager or breeding behavior other than that already described.

— Edward D. Fingerhood, 2002 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130

— Lucy Tyrrell, 1515 Northwest Boulevard, Apt. B, Columbus, OH 43212

#820
8.20-01-1982
Lark Sparrow in Lancaster County, PA: On January 9, 1982 I observed a Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*) at a feeding station at my home on Peach Lane, Ronks, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. I first observed it at 11:15 a.m. and saw it at various

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Species: **Summer Tanager**

Date of Sighting: **June 4, 1983**

Observer(s): **Edward Fingerhood, Lucy Tyrrell**

Date of Submission: **1991**

Submitted by: **Edward Fingerhood**

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