

Submission Date	2012-08-27 13:55:12
Observer's Name	David Facey
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Observer's Address	Country: United States
Names of additional observers	
Species (Common Name)	Summer Tanager
Species (Scientific Name)	Piranga rubra
Subspecies (if known)	
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult female.
Observation Date and Time	08-08-2012 5:45 PM
County	Centre
Location (City, Borough, Township)	State College
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Toftrees
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.821774,-77.89045
Habitat	Scrub, deciduous trees.
Distance to bird	40ft.
Viewing conditions	Conditions were good.
Optical equipment used	Pentax 10 x 42 DCF WP
Description	Immediately struck by the bill. I knew it was a female and I also knew that I had never seen this species before. It was a longish skinny bird with a larger bill. The wings were also similar in color to the breast. The only drawing in my Peterson guide that I stopped at every time I went through it (several times) was the female Summer Tanager. I went to

the Cornell website and their photo of a female Summer Tanager looks exactly like the bird I saw. I am highly confident that this is the bird I witnessed. The bird was perched for a few minutes and was at my eye level from my third floor apartment.

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

The bird was simply perched. I'm on the third floor, so it was not at ground level.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

The bill. There is no other species that I have looked at that has the bill that I witnessed except the Summer Tanager.

Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

I am not an expert birder, but have identified over 100 species. I had no doubt when I focused in on this bird that I had never seen it before. Drew Weber emailed me after I posted the sighting on E-Bird. He suggested it might have been a female oriole (orchard or baltimore) or a scarlet tanager. None of the mentioned birds have a bill to match the bird I witnessed.

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes - the bill.

During

After

Drew Weber

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

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