

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-05-24 21:49:04
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Bobby Brown
<b>E-mail</b>	bobbybrown1011@gmail.com
<b>Observer's Address</b>	Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Deb Brown, Bob Brown (finding party); David Brown, Steve Pinkerton
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Summer Tanager
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Piranga rubra
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	First-spring Male
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-08-2016 3:20 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S29497418">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S29497418</a>
<b>County</b>	Lycoming
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Loyalsock Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Canfield Island
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	41.242895, -76.952241
<b>Habitat</b>	Edge of small wooded area
<b>Distance to bird</b>	30-40ft
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Decent light, but closest view had the bird somewhat backlit or shadowed
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski EL Swarovision 8.5x42 Binocular
<b>Description</b>	Bird was initially picked out by its distinctive pick-ah-tuck-ah-tuck call. With good views, the large, light-colored bill along with light wings that were filling in with red confirmed that it was a Summer Tanager. No direct comparisons to other species. Plumage details are easily visible in the documentation photos.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Most of the time it was observed, the bird was actively feeding. It would often fly out from a branch to catch an insect. The bird was calling, but was never heard singing.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	Scarlet Tanager would be the only truly similar species, which can be eliminated by the large bill and light wings with red starting to come in. Other tanagers can be eliminated by plumage and the large, light bill.

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

David Brown and Steve Pinkerton have additional photos on their checklists.  
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S29503376>  
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S29496644>

The bird was not relocated the following morning, despite the efforts of many birders.

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

Yes. Plumage and call leave no doubt.

**During**

NatGeo App

**After**

Big Sibley 2nd Ed.

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph



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## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-06-03 23:11:29
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Bobby Brown
<b>E-mail</b>	bobbybrown1011@gmail.com
<b>Observer's Address</b>	Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	David Brown, Deb Brown, Bob Brown (in finding party); Eric Hartshaw
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Summer Tanager
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Piranga rubra
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Apparent first-spring male
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	05-11-2016 8:10 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S29560720">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S29560720</a>
<b>County</b>	Lycoming
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Montoursville
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Mill St. - Boat Launch
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	41.233526, -76.930792
<b>Habitat</b>	Edge of wooded area along river
<b>Distance to bird</b>	50-60ft
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Fairly cloudy, backlighting was tough for photos
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski EL Swarovision 8.5x42 Binocular
<b>Description</b>	Bird was initially picked out by its distinctive pick-ah-tuck-ah-tuck call. Large, light-colored bill. Wings did not show strong contrast to the body as a Scarlet Tanager would. Plumage details are visible in the documentation photos, but showed a lot of yellowish-green in the belly with red filling in over the rest of the bird.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Bird was mostly near the top of one particular tree and was fairly active and appeared to be feeding. The bird was heard singing and calling.
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	The much more expected Scarlet Tanager would not show the large, light bill and low contrast wings. The song and call also did not match SCTA. Other tanagers can be eliminated by plumage and the large, light bill.

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

Others photographed the bird with better equipment, and most likely obtained better photos. Those can probably be obtained if my shots aren't sufficient for identification. Eric Hartshaw has a couple of photos on his eBird checklist:  
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S29558422>

The bird was not found at lunch time later that day.

A different Summer Tanager was seen about a mile away (at Canfield Island) the previous Sunday.

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

Yes. Plumage, song and call leave no doubt.

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph  
Audio

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