

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Name	Evan Coates
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Observer's Address	410 Park Rd. Downingtown PA 19335 United States
Species (Common Name)	Summer Tanager
Species (Scientific Name)	Piranga rubra
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Immature Male
Observation Date and Time	05-06-2019 12:50 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S55916995
County	Chester
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Upper Uwchlan
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Private Residence on Park Rd. (entering Marsh Creek SP)
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.0761334,-75.7072952
Habitat	Fragmented Oak-Hickory Forest; particularly in one mature White Oak & one mature White Ash tree
Distance to bird	20 to 100'
Viewing conditions	Clear morning, overcast at time of sighting, cloudy shortly thereafter
Optical equipment used	Vanguard 8.5 x 45 Endeavor ED binocular, Panasonic Lumix DC-FZ70 digital camera

Description

Individual flew into view from mature trees to the SE, somewhat affiliated with a breeding plumage male YBSA. Both foraged separately along the bark of a white ash, then SUTA flew to a white oak with more leaf cover and proceeded to glean insects off leaves and bark. SUTA was smaller than the YBSA, approximately the size of an immature NOCA, but obviously different in behavior. At one point, brushed a few large carpenter ants across the bark of the oak tree. Individual was svelte and splotchy red-green in color with a heavy tanager beak - the piebald pattern of coloration and lack of darker primaries/wings eliminated SUTA. Individual remained for approx. 15 minutes before flying off to a stand of mature red oaks and shagbark hickories NW of the property, bordered by MCSP's cove.

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

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Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

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

Yes, but have only ever observed the species in eBird photos and once in full breeding plumage in South Carolina

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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