

Western Tanager Sighting 782-01-1989

Date: Sat. May 13, '89 1:30pm

Weather: Partly sunny with some clouds +  
intermittent showers

Sighting: Good to excellent

Location: 1/4 mi section of Roundtop Rd off Rt 56.  
Betw junctions of Cresswell Rd +  
Snyder Rd. Brush Valley Twp Ind. Co.  
(Block 3 of P.V. Quad-Topo)

Habitat: Recently plowed fields with alternating  
strips of grassland on both sides of  
rural road. Small stand of pines  
along one side of road.



The Western tanager<sup>(male)</sup> was first  
sighted as he flew from the  
cluster of pines onto a fence  
post along road. This (grosbeak  
sized) bird was clearly observed  
for 15-20 min as he flew  
short distances (5-6') from post  
to post. I didn't have binoculars  
but fence was only  
6-8 ft from car.  
I clearly saw the bright

red head & chin & yellow band on head.  
The back, wings & tail were black. The  
wings had 2 bars of yellow & white. <sup>(Bill was 1 1/2  
slightly  
curved.)</sup>  
When the bird flew & landed I saw the  
large yellow rump patch on lower back.  
The bird sat for 1-2 min. periods as I  
slowly followed him down the fence row.  
I saw all sides of the bird as well as  
the bird in flight.  
Bird sighted was a male Western Tanager.

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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**  
**Voting Tabulation - Round # of**

**Species: Western Tanager**

**Date of Sighting: 05/13/89**

**Observer(s): Pat Andrascik**

**Date of Submission: 1989**

**Submitted by: Margaret Higbee**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater			X				
B. Haas			X				
F. Haas			X				
R. Leberman				X			
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe			X				
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**Comments:**

**Signature (Secretary):**

**Date:**