

<b>Submission Date</b>	2012-08-27 13:55:12
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Summer Tanager
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Piranga rubra
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult female.
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	08-08-2012 5:45 PM
<b>County</b>	Centre
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	State College
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Toftrees
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.821774,-77.89045
<b>Habitat</b>	Scrub, deciduous trees.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	40ft.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Conditions were good.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Pentax 10 x 42 DCF WP
<b>Description</b>	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)**

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**

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