

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-01-09 16:50:22
Observer's Name	Michael David
E-mail	michaeldavid@gmail.com
Phone	4123906773
Observer's Address	Street Address: 7420 Ben Hur St City: Pittsburgh State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 15208 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Shannon Thompson, Dave Wilton, Dick Snyder, Deb Grove
Species (Common Name)	Western Tanager
Species (Scientific Name)	Piranga ludoviciana
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult Male
Observation Date and Time	11-28-2015 7:30 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S26025551
County	Centre
Location (City, Borough, Township)	State College
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Walnut Grove Rd
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.840225, -77.840730
Habitat	Open lawn with wooded edge
Distance to bird	50 feet
Viewing conditions	cloudy, low early morning light
Optical equipment used	Bushnell Discoverer 8x42 binoculars, Swarovski ATX-95 scope
Description	Cardinal-sized passerine with fairly heavy somewhat curved bill. Bright yellow blending into orange on head. Black wings with bold white wingbars, and black tail.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Visited feeders, then perched in top of large trees before flying out of sight.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Distinctive species. Tanagers of other species duller (or red) and without bold wing bars. Bill size and shape eliminates other yellowish passerines such as orioles and American Goldfinch.

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

Yes - diagnostic photograph.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings



[Western Tanager, Centre Co. PA.JPG](#)

Click to edit

PORC-webform00296