

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	761 Willow Lane Gap Pennsylvania 17527 United States
Names of additional observers	Jonathan Heller, Andrew Keister, Larry Bernhardt, Marcy, Connie
Species (Common Name)	Western Tanager
Species (Scientific Name)	Piranga ludoviciana
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Female
Observation Date and Time	12-31-2017 3:40 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S41481306
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Cocalico
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Middle Creek WMA
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.287262, -76.209272
Habitat	Small evergreen woodlot in fields
Distance to bird	Approximately 20 feet
Viewing conditions	Clear
Optical equipment used	Swarovski 10x42 Binoculars

Description	Yellow-green chest, and abdomen. Gray-green back and wings, two wing bars, light, orangey-yellow bill. This bird was smaller than a Robin, bigger than a Finch or Sparrow. I would put it at about Oriole sized.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	It was originally feeding on Juniper berries, then stopped and just sat for awhile. It did preen for a little bit before it left.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Wingbars ruled out the other Tanagers, along with bill color. Wing and back color ruled out Orioles or Evening Grosbeaks. Size ruled out Warblers.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Jonathan Heller is the original finder and identified the bird. His skill is well known here in Lancaster County.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes. Jonathan Heller pointed out to us the field marks.
During	Audubon Bird App, iBird Pro App.
After	Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America, Peterson Field Guide to the Birds of North America.
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