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Lat/long \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Summer Tanager  
Scientific Name Piranga rubra  
Obs. date 9/25/89 Time(s) approx. 1800  
Duration of obs. 10 minutes  
Distance from bird 30 feet at most  
Light conditions good  
Optical equip. Bushnell custom 7x35 mm binocs  
Photo equip. \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes made at time of sighting   
Notes made later from memory \_\_\_\_\_  
Date report prepared 8 October 89

Weather at time of this observation.  
Clear, warm, sunny  
Prior weather and number of days since change  
wed been having short duration but almost daily thundershowers, sunny when not raining, for several to many days  
Locality  
Canyon Village Apartments, 800 E 100N, Logan, UT, "Island" area

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
Total number observed. <u>1</u>	Males <u>1</u> Females _____ ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns _____	Adults _____ Juv/Imms _____ 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns <u>1</u>	Breeding <u>1</u> Transition _____ Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____ Winter _____ Light ph. _____ Other _____	Available _____ Enclosed _____

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

All red, with darkness on wings  
black eye  
notably pale and longish conical bill  
wing tips "drooped", i.e., hung below its body  
smaller and slimmer than a robin

I observed this bird from a short distance. I was on my second-floor balcony looking directly into the tree where the bird was. I was drawn to the balcony because of the bird's call, which I knew was not one I was familiar with. He was difficult to locate at first but was extremely cooperative once I'd found him. At first I just saw his solid red head and neck, which is when I went through my processes of elimination. then he moved into full view, and sat for so long I got bored waiting for him to assume a new posture, and I realized I did not know what he was. He was calling the entire time I was watching him. It was a good look, with no light problems or interference, and a long look.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

none

Variations from expected field marks.

none

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

My first thought was "scarlet tanager", my second, "cardinal". I ruled out cardinal because of the absence of a crest. This was before I'd seen a full view. When he moved into full view, I realized I just didn't know what he was and that I'd collect as many field marks as possible, then go look him up. As I mentioned, he was very cooperative, it was a good, long look, and he really just had a few field characteristics. His body color and bill color and shape were most notable to me. I was consciously looking for eye rings, head stripes, wing bars, tail color, bill shape, leg color, posture, & relative size. Continued...

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

nothing remarkable, except incessant calling  
no other birds seen or heard  
no interactions

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Cottonwood/boxelder trees along north channel of Logan River,

Describe bird's song or sounds.

highly remarkable: I can only describe it as coarse, harsh, and unfamiliar. It most closely matches the "pit-i-tuck-i-tuck" version described in Audubon Society Master Guide

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

limited, but I went to Florida a few days later and saw cardinals, which I had seen before, and it was clearly not a cardinal

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

NONE - I phoned Keith Archibald

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Summer tanager

I also briefly flashed on pine grosbeak until he moved into full view and I could see he was all red.

His bill was not finch- or cardinal-like in shape. It was pale and longish.

I immediately tried to reach Keith Archibald but his line was busy twice. Then the bird left and I decided to wait to call Keith to see if the bird returned. It never did, or at least I didn't hear it, and I didn't get back to Keith til two days later.

I'm a biologist. I've been "watching" birds for 10 years. I'm not an avid bird "lister", but I am an experienced bird watcher and listener.