

plains cottonwood (*Populus deltoides occidentalis*) and mountain juniper (*Juniperus scopulorum*) along a creek. The flycatcher was observed near the creek which was lined with very large cottonwood trees and an understory comprised mostly of junipers and vines. This record was accepted as hypothetical (no tangible supporting evidence) by the Oklahoma Bird Records Committee on 26 July 2003 and added to the Oklahoma Ornithological Society Check-list of Oklahoma Birds.

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**Summer Tanager winters in Oklahoma.**—The Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) is expected in Oklahoma from 12 April to 10 October (Oklahoma Bird Records Committee 2000). On 17 January 2004, a neighbor advised me of an unidentified bird visiting his feeder in Broken Bow, McCurtain County, for about a week. At 0915 h, I observed a male Summer Tanager in first-winter plumage, feeding on sunflower seeds at his feeder, and it was observed periodically at his feeder until 22 January. I relocated a tanager nearby on 13 February, and on 17 February, I observed a tanager feeding at a peanut-butter-mix feeder at my residence in Broken Bow (about 300 m from original sighting), where it continued to feed almost daily to 12 April. The area where this tanager wintered is an open subdivision with scattered homes, open areas, and many large, hardwood and pine trees where Summer Tanagers are regular nesters in summer. Autumn and winter 2003–2004 were mild and very dry, with abundant fruit, berries, and other food resources available, which could explain this tanager's ability to winter at this latitude.

There have been 4 prior winter records for Summer Tanager in Oklahoma; the first being a female regularly observed in Tulsa, Tulsa County, from 11 January to 1 April 1954 (Letson and Letson 1955). On 3 January 1965, during the Oklahoma Christmas Bird Count at Fort Gibson Reservoir, Marion Norman and party observed a Summer Tanager eating pupae from a wasp (*Polistes* sp.) nest in Wagoner County (Norman and Norman 1965). Although Sutton (1967:565) cites this CBC, he gives 30 December 1964 as the date for this Wagoner County record. A male in first winter plumage (UOMZ 6115: University of Oklahoma Museum of Zoology, now Oklahoma Museum of Natural History) was found dead on 4 March 1967 in Tishomingo, Johnston County, by Ida B. Yandell (Sutton 1982). A Summer Tanager was observed from 31 December 1993 to 8 February 1994 in Edmond, Oklahoma County, by L. and D. Killian and W. Traxler (J. Arterburn, Chair, Oklahoma Bird Records Committee, 2004 pers. comm.).

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