

Subject: FW: FW: Summer Tanager specimen from Jan 1987?
From: Sandy Williams <sunbittern@earthlink.net>
Date: 12/17/2015 8:59 AM
To: <ajohnson@unm.edu>

Andy: This short email chain provides all the background details on the date error for MSB 6192. I thought it odd that such an important event had not been noted in Am Birds or NMOSFN at the time, and that the specimen had not been saved as a skin. --Sandy

From: Nancy Cox [mailto:sora@spinn.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 12:06 PM
To: Sandy Williams; Charles Hundertmark
Subject: Re: FW: Summer Tanager specimen from Jan 1987?

Hi Sandy,

It does look like the SUTA had an incorrect date. I found that we had a SUTA casualty on the 1st of August 1987. I double checked to see if we banded on the 8th of January and it appears that our first banding date in 1987 was January 24.

Nancy

On 12/15/2015 11:34 AM, Sandy Williams wrote:

Hi Steve and Nancy: Please see the emails below, between me and Chuck Hundertmark, about a SUTA apparently salvaged during banding at RGNC 8 Jan 1987. Chuck thinks this may have been recorded in the banding log. Note that there is an outside chance that the bird was actually salvaged 1 August (1987). Anything you may be able to find would be much appreciated. I don't know when I'll get up to MSB to check the specimen. Thanks! --Sandy

From: Sandy Williams [mailto:sunbittern@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:29 AM
To: 'Charles Hundertmark'
Subject: RE: Summer Tanager specimen from Jan 1987?

Thanks much for the quick reply, Chuck! I'll probably just forward this email on the Steve and Nancy, to see if they can find something about this. I may try to check the actual specimen at MSB first. Thanks again. Stay warm. --Sandy

From: Charles Hundertmark [mailto:chundertmark8@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 9:58 AM
To: Sandy Williams
Subject: Re: Summer Tanager specimen from Jan 1987?

Hi Sandy,

This would almost certainly have been a banding casualty. Either date would be possible since we banded primarily during winter and fall migration. Most seasons we began banding a bit later in August than the 1st. However, there were some years we attempted to see how early we began getting migrants. My banding records for those years were left with Steve and Nancy Cox when I

transferred my permit to them. They probably still have the records. If I recall correctly, we did record casualties in our banding logs. If they can't turn something up, I can see if I can find any old records. You are correct that it is strange a January record isn't in the NMOS or American Birds records. I generally reported those things.

Chuck

On Dec 15, 2015, at 9:41 AM, Sandy Williams <sunbittern@earthlink.net> wrote:

Hi Chuck:

I'm wondering if you recall a Summer Tanager, that ended up as a specimen at MSB, that was found (taken?), apparently by you, at the Rio Grande Nature Center on 8 January 1987. That's an important specimen, as it represents the first winter record for NM. It seems curious that that event wasn't noted in either American Birds or NMOS Field Notes at the time. The specimen is listed as a skeleton, not a skin, but I've not looked at it yet. I'm guessing the Jan date is correct, but I suppose it could always have gotten transposed (from August 1, i.e., from 8-1 to 1-8, depending on someone's shorthand). Anyway, if you remember anything about this, please let me know.

Hope all is well!

Sandy

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