

REGION 2 SENSITIVE SPECIES EVALUATION FORM

Species: (Piranga olivacea/Scarlet tanager)

Criteria	Rank	Rationale	Literature Citations
1 Distribution within R2	A	High. This species is probably not a nester in any NFS units in R2. They are rare spring and fall migrants in most portions of R2. They are a rare breeder in oak forests in eastern Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota. R2 is on the western periphery of their breeding range.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busby & Zimmerman • Andrews & Righter • Scott • SDOU • Sharpe et al.
2 Distribution outside R2	C	High. They nest in forest habitats throughout the north central and northeastern U.S. and southern Canada. They winter from Columbia and Panama south to the Andes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ehrlich et al. • National Geographic Society •
3 Dispersal Capability	C	High. They disperse long distances between their summer and winter ranges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ehrlich et al. • National Geographic Society
4 Abundance in R2	D	Low. This species is considered a rare casual visitor to R2. No population abundance information is available for this species in R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. •
5 Population Trend in R2	D	Low. Little population trend information is available for this species in R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al. •
6 Habitat Trend in R2	C	Medium. Deciduous forest and mixed deciduous-coniferous forest appears to be relatively stable on NFS lands in R2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carter et al.
7 Habitat Vulnerability or Modification	C	Medium. No significant threats to habitats are known on NFS lands in R2. Potential threat of degradation of habitat due to development exists on private lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busby & Zimmerman • Carter et al. • Roberts & Norment

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8 Life History and Demographics	B	Medium. This species nests in deciduous and mixed coniferous-deciduous forests. It winters from Panama south to the Andes. It lays four eggs per nest and only produces one brood per nesting season. This species is a common cowbird host.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ehrlich et al.
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National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region where species is KNOWN (K) or LIKELY (L)¹ to occur:

<u>Colorado NF/NG</u>		<u>Kansas NF/NG</u>		<u>Nebraska NF/NG</u>		<u>South Dakota NF/NG</u>		<u>Wyoming NF/NG</u>	
Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely	Known	Likely
		Cimarron NG		Samuel R. McKelvie NF	O	Black Hills NF		Shoshone NF	
				Halsey NF	O	Buffalo Gap NG		Bighorn NF	
				Nebraska NF		Ft. Pierre NG	O	Black Hills NF	
				Oglala NG				Medicine Bow NF	
								Thunder Basin NG	

¹ Likely is defined as more likely to occur than not occur on the National Forest or Grassland. This generally can be thought of as having a 50% chance or greater of appearing on NFS lands.

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