

# Summer Tanager



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*Piranga rubra*

ORDER: Passeriformes

## IDENTIFICATION CLUES



- ◆ 7 1/2 inches long
- ◆ male is bright red all over and the female is a muted yellow with slightly darker wings
- ◆ a fairly large, stout beak, pale cream in color



### Where to Look

Summer Tanagers live in the treetops of oaks and pines of southern forests.



### What It Eats.

Summer Tanagers eat mostly wasps and bees. and can sometimes be seen sitting on a perch looking for prey. They will also eat fruit when not breeding.



### Nesting

Summer Tanagers build cup-shaped nests of moss and grass and lay three to five bluish eggs with small brown speckles.



### Call or Song

The song of the Summer Tanager sounds a lot like robins. One call sounds like "peanut butter"



### Migration?

The Summer Tanager migrates to Central and South America for the winter months.



### Did You Know

Summer Tanagers can catch bees in flight. They will kill it and remove the stinger before eating it.