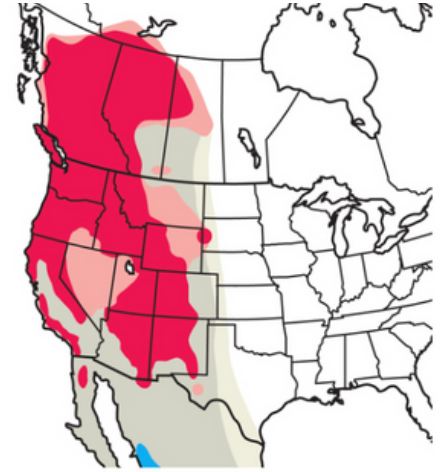


WESTERN TANAGER



- All Seasons - Common
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- Breeding - Common
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FAMILY & NAME

Buntings/Cardinals/
Grosbeaks
Western Tanager
Piranga ludoviciana

HABITAT

Found in mixed forests and open coniferous areas in the middle to high elevations. They like to stay high in the tree canopy. During migration however, they can be found in a variety of atypical settings.

NESTING

Nests are constructed high in the tree, about 15-65' off the ground and on branches far from the trunk. Female will incubate 3-5 eggs that are pale blue or bluish-green, with brown blotches. Both parents will feed the young.

FOOD

They eat insects and some fruits and berries and are even speculated to drink nectar from flowers. They will typically forage for food in the treetops and fly out to catch bugs in the air.



FACTS

A group of Tanagers is known as a "season." They breed farther north than any other member of their primarily tropical family. Breeding males get the bright pigment on their faces from the foods they eat.