On May 19, 2015 about 7:15 a.m. a flock of four breeding and non-breeding males and one female **Western Tanagers** appear in the trees above the Tinneys' water feature looking for some breakfast while on their migration journey.

A look at a breeding male **Western Tanager** is like looking at a flame: an orange-red head, brilliant yellow body, and coal-black wings, back and tail. An immature (center) and female (right) are a somewhat dimmer yellow-green gray.

The **Western Tanagers** enjoy insects and the oranges, grapes, and jelly provided on the feeders by Bob.

Sometimes they squabble, feed each other (center), and remain most of the day until the last sighting about 5:15 p.m.
Three Bullock’s Orioles including an adult female (left) and immature female (center), and a juvenile male (right) also visit to help Bob celebrate his birthday. The crown, nape, and back are black; remainder of head and underparts orange-yellow with a black eyeline and **black on chin and center of throat** for the male (right) and females (left, center) less bright with no throat markings.

One of the female Bullock’s Oriole enjoys the grapes above and a male enjoys the oranges below. Bob keeps the water pans, suet, seed blocks, and feeders filled for the birds.

The male Bullock’s Oriole (right) uses the water pan for bathing, to refresh itself, clean its feathers and remove parasites. The Bullock’s Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) is named after William Bullock, an English amateur naturalist.
Other visitors include Band-tailed Pigeons, Common Ravens, Scrub Jays, Lazuli Buntings, Sparrows, Titmice, and Towhees along with male and female Brown-headed Cowbirds and Mourning Doves

House Finch, Goldfinch, White-breasted Nuthatch and Gambel's Quail

An assortment of Black-headed Grosbeaks

A variety of Hummingbirds including Anna's, Black-chinned, and a possible female Calliope

Bewick's Wren, along with Acorn, Hairy, and Ladder-backed Woodpeckers

"Blessings come to those who are prepared to receive them." Quote by Walt Anderson