

DOCUMENTATION --
RARE BIRD SIGHTING

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MOUNTAIN WEST REGION
AMERICAN BIRDS

Species: Rivoli's Hummingbird
(Vernacular name)

Eugenes fulgens
(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): 8/19/80 Time Bird Seen: 9:15 PM to 9:20 PM

Locality: Gould, Jackson County, Colorado

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: 9x30 'scope

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used:

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: female Plumage: adult

Light conditions: good

Distance from bird, and how measured: 9 yards measured after bird left

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

The bird just sat on the hummingbird feeder for four or five min. even when other hummingbirds came to the feeder.

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

A small general store with several hummingbird feeders at an elevation of app. 9000 ft. in pines.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

A large hummingbird with a green back and tail, the tail was tipped with small white spots, long black bill, grayish throat and underparts top of head green, small white line behind eye.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

All other Hummingbirds- by size, Rufous and Broad-tailed
also at feeder
Blue-throated- by green tail with small spots

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I have seen several hummingbirds in the mts. I have also seen the female Blue-throated in south Texas.

This report was written from notes made during X after ___ observation; from memory___.

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