

## APPENDIX III

CFO-ORC FILE # 31-95-50

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## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD 

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Blue-throated Hummingbird / Lampornis clemenciae  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

Date(s): 20 July 1995

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ♂ Plumage:

Latilong: Rangely (1) Distribution Code: Rare/Acc Habitat Code: Sa/PJ

Locality: 211-D Park Lane, Dinosaur National Monument Elevation:

Nearest town: Dinosaur County: Moffat

Time(s) observed: 1710 and 1719

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 20-40 sec on 2 occasions (60 sec total)

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

None

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

None

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Shaded area under eaves. Clear day.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): None

Distance and how measured: 3 feet

If photographed, type of equipment and film: None

Who else photographed the bird: None

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Feeding at a hummingbird feeder

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field:

My attention was drawn to the feeder by a hum much more resonant than typical. I observed large hummingbird (appeared twice the size of a black-chinned) with a dusty gray



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IN REPLY REFER TO.

2 August 1995

Hugh Kingery  
C/O Zoology Department  
Denver Museum of Natural History  
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Dear Hugh:

Enclosed is the sight record for the blue-throated hummingbird. I have not seen the bird since the 20 July 1995 observation. The records at Dinosaur National Monument have a sight record for a blue-throated hummingbird on 24, 26 June 1986 at West Cactus Flat (T6N R100W sec 21, Haystack Rock Quad). There is no written description on file.

Thank you for the information about the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas. For the Canyon of Lodore, North you may be interested in a observation of a Common Nighthawk nest with young on 22 July 1992.

Regarding the Ruffed Grouse. One of the resource management employees observed a grouse at Zenobia Peak in June 1991 which he is sure was not a Sage or Blue Grouse and tentatively identified as a Ruffed Grouse.

Sincerely,

*Hardin Delafield Jr.*

Hardin Delafield, Jr.  
Biologist

Description (continued): gorget (did not see blue). Two white eyelines were observed (one directly above the eye, the other angling down.) There was a heavy black area between the white stripes. I observed very noticeable white patches on the outer tail. The long beak was noticeably down-turned. There was moderate green speckling flank + side. There was also light speckling on the gray breast. While hovering the wing-beats were noticeable (not as blurr as with most hummers). Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

A chirp was heard 3 times. It was not the "seep" call as described in books and on recordings.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

The observation was made in a housing area 8 houses + a 6 apartment building. Immediately surrounding is a 20 acre area of perennial grasses + native forbs. This area is surrounded by pinyon/juniper forest. How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

The only other large hummingbird is the magnificient. The magnificient lacks the distinctive eye stripes and the gray side, flank + breast.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I have never observed the blue-throated hummingbird before. I have observed the magnificient H. in AZ. I have also taught college ornithology labs and class.

List books, illustration, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) At time of observation: Golden: Birds of N. America

b) After observation: Audubon Master Guide, National Geographic

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after observation X, from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time report was written: 1 Aug 95 from notes made immediately after the obs. + from a National Park Service field observation report written on 21 July 95.

Reporting observer: Hardin Dea Field, Jr. Signature: Stach Dea Field, Jr.

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