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MEXICAN VIOLETEAR

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

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CBRC FILE #: 2003-7
RESULTS: _____

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Species (please include common and scientific names): MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD
Eugenes Fulgens

Date(s) of Observation: OCT. 4, 2003

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: MALE Plumage: ?

Exact location: SEE HOMEOWNER'S REPORT

County: JEFFERSON Nearest town: CONIFER, CO Elevation: 8,500 FT

Length of observation: 3-4 HRS. OFF & ON Time(s) of observation: 12:30 - 4:00 PM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: BILL & SYLVIA BROCKNER,
ROBERT (HOMEOWNER) & HIS FRIEND.

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observer(s) position):

SUN BEHIND & 30° TO 45° TO LEFT OF & 35° TO 45° ABOVE BIRD, GLARE THRU
Optical equipment used: WINDOW FROM INSIDE, 80 FT AWAY OUTSIDE.

8 1/2 x 42 SWAROVSKI BINOCULAR

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): FEEDER 10 FT THRU GLASS
WITH SOME SOIL FILM. OUTSIDE ~80 FT IN SAME DIRECTION.

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? YES If so, are you submitting photos? NO

Who took the photograph(s)? ROBERT, OWNER OF HOME.

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred:

OPEN AREA, TYPICAL S.W. FACING SLOPE CONDITIONS. 20-25% COVERAGE
FROM TREES. PONDEROSA, DOUG. FIR, ASPEN, MTN. MAHOGANY, GOOSEBERRY,
AND GRASSES. EDGE OF BROAD RIDGE, VERY DRY.Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the
identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits:FLEW AND HOVERED LIKE HUMMINGBIRD. SLOW WING-BEAT. HOVERED
1 FT. FROM FEEDER, THEN APPROACHED TO FEEDING POSITION IN A
FLAPPING MANNER MORE THAN DARTING AS BROADTALE DOES. SELDOM
PERCHED TO FEED. FED ONLY A SHORT TIME AT EACH VISIT, SPOOKED
EASILY. LEFT BY DROPPING DOWN, THEN FLEW AWAY WITH LOOPING
FLIGHT (PATH) RESEMBLING Hairy OR DOWNY WOODPECKER,[click here for page 2 of this form](#)IN MEDIUM LENGTH, SINGLE BEARING, CATENARY FORM LOOPS. OFTEN
FLEW TO ONE PERCH 80 FEET AWAY. SOMETIMES TO 2 OTHERS,
SOMETIMES DISAPPEARED.

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BILL - MED. LENGTH, DARK-SHINY BLACK, SLIGHT DOWNWARD CURVE (GOOD VIEW)
 HEAD - TOP UNSEEN, SIDE (FROM SAME LEVEL AS PERCH, 70° TO REAR OF SIDE VIEW) - GRADUALLY BLENDING, FROM RICH, MEDIUM DARK BLUE, TO AT THE CURVE OF THE TOP TO GREEN AT THE POINT WHERE NECK MEETS BACK - NO DISTINCT COLOR CHANGE AT ANY ONE POINT. SEEN FROM OUTSIDE WITH GOOD SUN ON BIRD, MY EYES WELL SHADED. FOR A CLOSE MATCH OF THE COLOR GRADATIONS, SEE THE THROAT TO CHEST OF THE PHOTOS OF A BROAD-BILLED!! ON PAGE 16 OF "HUMMINGBIRDS: THEIR LIFE & BEHAVIOR" TYRELL & TYRELL. HOLD PHOTO IN BRIGHT SUNLIGHT FOR BEST COLOR MATCH. MORE BELOW

BACK - RICH GREEN

TAIL - CAN'T REMEMBER TOP, UNDERSIDE COLOR MOSTLY DARK, OUTLINE 

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: NONE

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration. FROM THE DETAILS I SAW CLEARLY I WOULD SAY IT HAS CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BROAD-BILLED, MAGNIFICENT, AND BLUE THROATED. I COULD NOT HONESTLY PUT IT ON A LIFE LIST AS A PARTICULAR SPECIES.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? NONE

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): SIBLEY (ON SITE), "HUMMINGBIRDS: THEIR LIFE . . ." (ABOVE). MUCH CONFUSION!

This report is from notes made from (check one) ☒ noted made during observation ☐ noted made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: Nov 15, 2003 12:30 PM

Reporting observer: MIKE KRIEGER

Signature: 

Address: 160 HUMMINGBIRD CT.
 BAILEY, CO 80439

(303) 838-8122 JMKAKRIEGER@YAHOO.COM

I CAN REMEMBER NOTING (MENTALLY) THE COLOR OF THE UPPER SIDE OF THE WING & TAIL, BUT CANNOT NOW SEPARATE MY MENTAL NOTE FROM PICTURES IN BOOKS. THE BILL & HEAD - BACK OBSERVATIONS WERE CAREFULLY OBSERVED IN GOOD LIGHT WITH GOOD OPTICS.

11/14/03 9:39 PM

M. K.

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MEXICAN VIOLET EAT

rec'd 1/29/03

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Species (please include common and scientific names): Unknown

Date(s) of Observation: 9/12/03 - 10/4/03

Number of birds seen: 2

Sex: 1 F
1 M

Plumage:

Exact location: 13215 So. Resort Dr, Conifer CO

County: Jefferson

Nearest town: Conifer

Elevation: 8,700 ft

Length of observation: 2 weeks, intermittently Time(s) of observation: Various

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Robert Ayon, Bill & Sylvia Brockner

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): None known.

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observer(s) position): Various - I am the only one who had a view in full sun.

Optical equipment used: binoculars

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 4-50 ft.

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? Yes. If so, are you submitting photos? No - Sent to Kay Niyo

Who took the photograph(s)? Robert Ayon

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred:

South facing slope - pines, firs, a open.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits:

Slower than smaller birds usually here. Nervous. Sat @ feeder perch very short period of time (1-2 sec). Always looking around. Frequently sat longer times in tree but hard to see everywhere.

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I believe I may have actually seen 2 birds. 9/12/03 we returned from a trip & I saw a large hummingbird outside the window by the feeder. This bird (if it was a 2nd one) had a pale gray belly and neck and darker upper area, wings & tail. It flew away whenever I approached the window & would not return when I was near the window.

Observation was sporadic because I live 3 days a week in Golden & Robert is @ work on those days.

I saw this bird for a couple of days. When I came back, I think the bird we all saw was not the same one. The first looked a little larger, was dull colored & behaved differently.

I can't confirm any of this opinion since nobody else was there and I never saw 2 birds at once. I ~~once~~^{was} the only one to see the male in full sun. From pictures I've seen, it looked more like the Broad billed hummingbird than anything else but the bill was black, not red.

Other observers saw the bird 10/4, a cloudy / overcast day. Light changes & whether looking through window made colors Δ.

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Large hummingbird. Brilliant green color & bright blue throat. Chest green. Abdomen green fading to lt tan toward vent, tail dark gray/black. Facial color different above & below line from eye back. ? white dot near eye. Black Bill.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration. Our usual hummingbirds are much smaller, i.e. Broadtail & Rufous.

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

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Unable to identify & confidence Peterson's Field Guide to Western Birds, Audubon Field Guide to North American Birds, another brought by Brockness
This report is from notes made from (check one) ☐ noted made during observation ☐ noted made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 11/28/03 1220

Reporting observer: Phyllis Watkins

Signature:

Address: PO Box 839

Conifer CO 80433

Send report to: Colorado Birds Record Committee, Tony Leukering, PO Box 660, Brighton, CO 80601.

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rec'd 2/8/04

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Species (please include common and scientific names):

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD (EUGENES FULGENS)

Date(s) of Observation:

OCTOBER 4, 2003

Number of birds seen: ONE (1) Sex: MALE Plumage: ADULT

Exact location: 13215 SOUTH RESORT DRIVE, CONIFER, COLORADO

County: JEFFERSON Nearest town: CONIFER Elevation: 7,400'

Length of observation: APPROX. 1 HOUR Time(s) of observation: 12 M - 1 P.M.

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: ROBERT PYON, PEGGY WATKINS,
SYLVIA BROCKNER, MICHAEL KRIEGER

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observer(s) position): NOT TOO
GOOD, WEST SIDE IN HOUSE LOOKING OUT WINDOW

Optical equipment used: B&L 8X42 ELITE, 8X40 SWAROVSKI, PENTAX 7X35

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 15'

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? YES If so, are you submitting photos? YES

Who took the photograph(s)? ROBERT PYON

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred:

YARD, PONDEROSA PINES, HUM. FEEDER, 1' FROM WINDOW

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting
the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits:

QUICK VISITS TO FEEDER, PERCHED ON DEAD BRANCH
40' AWAY, SLOW FLYER

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NOTICABLY BIGGER THAN BROAD-TAIL H., SHAPE & ACTS AT FEEDER DETERMINED TO BE A HUMMER.

GREENISH OVERALL, LIGHT UNDERWING, DARK HEAD,
BROAD TAIL, ROUNDED AT ENDS
WINGS ALMOST UP TO END OF TAIL WHEN PERCHED

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: -0-

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration. BLUE-THROATED:- DID NOT HAVE NOTICABLE WHITE EYE STRIPE.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? 12 TIMES IN ARIZONA, MOSTLY IN PORTAL

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): (1) N. GEOG. - COULD NOT SEE ANY WHITE EYE STRIPES. (2) PETERSON - SAME, NO NOTICABLE WHITE IN TAIL.

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noted made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: OCTOBER 15, 2003 10:00 A.M.

Reporting observer: WINSTON BILL BROCKNER Signature: W. B. Brockner

Address: 5965 SOUTH HERZMAN DRIVE
EVERGREEN, CO 80439

Send report to: Colorado Birds Record Committee, Tony Leukering, PO Box 660,
Brighton, CO 80601.

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FW bird report

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Faulkner [mailto:doug.faulkner@rmbo.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2003 10:45 AM
To: Kayleen A Niyo
Subject: RE: bird report

Kay,

I don't actually receive the News from the Field reports that go to the CFO address, only the NTFE editors do. So, go ahead and send me the photos at editor@cfo-link.org and I'll take a look at them. Some of the editors have slow dial-up modems so photos take a while to load. I can also pass them on the bird records committee.

Otherwise, compiled reports for all seasons should be sent to field_news@cfo-link.org (note the underscore, not hyphen, in the address). I think it's easier for them to receive reports in one chunk at the end of a season rather than piece meal through the season. Reports of anything of interest can be used (elevation records for species, high counts for common birds, early/late dates), not just the rarities. However, a single COLO at Evergreen Lake probably doesn't fall into any of those categories. The editors like to have the reports in as soon as possible after a season ends.

cheers,

Doug Faulkner
Wyoming Monitoring Coordinator
Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory
14500 Lark Bunting Lane
Brighton, CO 80603
303-659-4348
www.rmbo.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Kayleen A Niyo [mailto:kay@kayniyo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 2:23 PM
To: Doug Faulkner
Subject: bird report

Doug,

Bill Brockner was called up to Conifer on Oct. 4 to see a hummingbird at Robert Pyon's mt. home. He and Sylvia went up that morning and observed the bird, which Bill thinks was a Magnificent. Robert took some digital photos, most of which were not very good. But a couple of them do show some color and features of the bird. And they all show size in relation to a feeder that they measured. Bill is putting all his 1930-2003 records into his computer and has not gotten an email account yet; he is afraid it will slow him down inputting the records! He is probably right, with the many birder friends all over the world that call him! He is nearly done, so I hope then he will get an account so I can quit printing off the good CO-Birds listserv reports for him! He asked Robert to send me the digital photos so I could send them to you or whomever should get them. Robert had never tried attaching photos before, so that took about two weeks! Finally I have them and can send them to you or to the address in the CO Birds field_news@cfo-link.org. There are 11. I saved the originals and then cropped and brightened all of them and saved them separately. So there are 22 photos, under 200 KB for the originals and under 100 KB for the cropped

FW bird report

ones.

So, where can I send the info and the photos? If I have other reports, do I send them to the address that is in your field reports (above)? Is it the same for each season? Are the deadlines approximately the same as mine for Iowa Bird Life, I assume? Yesterday and this morning there was a Common Loon at Evergreen Lake. He was busy fishing right close to the Lake House. Are you interested in these kinds of reports or only really rare ones?

Thanks.

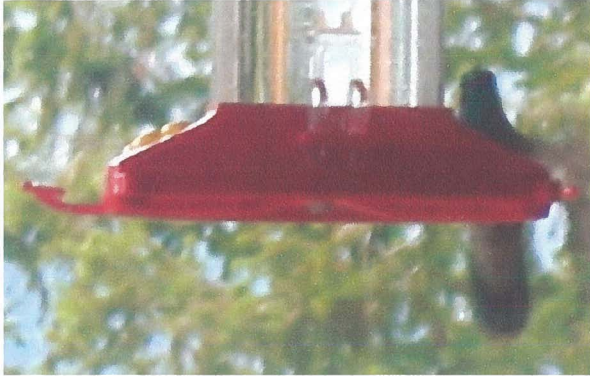
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