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## Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record For

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CBRC FILE #: 2003-7

RESULTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

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

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

Plumage: ?

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: MALE

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 ALSO 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 GRASES. 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. SELDON  
PERCHED TO FEED. FED ONLY A SHORT TIME AT EACH VISIT, SPOOKED  
EASILY. LEFT BY DROPPING DOWN, THEN FLEW AWAY WITH LOOPING  
FLIGHT (  ) 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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DESCRIPTION -- This is the **most important** part of this report. Include in these details the ~~overall~~ ~~age~~ and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as ~~many~~ ~~possible~~ plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the ~~specific~~ identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, ~~folded~~ wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include ~~if~~ possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional ~~chart~~ ~~of~~ description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

BILL - MED. LENGTH, DARK-SHINY BLACK, SLIGHT DOWNWARD CURVE (GOOD VIEW)  
 HEAD - TOP UNSEEN, SIDE (FROM SAME LEVEL AS PERCH, 30° 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" TYRRELL & TYRRELL. HOLD PHOTO IN BRIGHT  
 SUNLIGHT FOR BEST COLOR MATCH. MORE BELOW  
 BACK - RICH GREEN.  
 TAIL - CAN'T REMEMBER TOR, 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: Mike Krieger

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.

2003-7

MEXICAN VIOLET EAR

rec'd 1/29/03

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CBRC FILE #: \_\_\_\_\_

RESULTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific names): *Unknown*

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

Number of birds seen: *2* Sex: *7 F* <sub>1 M</sub> 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 Lyon, 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*

*Who took the photograph(s)? Robert Lyon Kay Niyo*

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

*South facing slope - pines, firs, aspen.*

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 & 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 ~~was~~ 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 A.

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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 lemmingbirds are much smaller, i.e. Broadtail & Rufous.

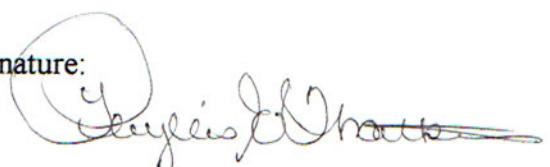
What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): *unable to identify in 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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MEXICAN VIOLET-EAR

CBRC FILE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
RESULTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 ELTE, 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 & ANGLES AT FEEDER DETERMINED TO BE A HUMMER.

GREENISH OVERALL, LIGHT UNDRWING, 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.

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: *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

MEXICAN VIOLETEAR

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

From: Doug Faulkner [mailto:[doug.faulkner@rmbo.org](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 NFTF editors do. So, go ahead and send me the photos at [editor@cfo-link.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.rmbo.org)

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

From: Kayleen A Niyo [mailto:[kay@kayniyo.com](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](mailto: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

ones.

FW bird report

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.

Kay  
Kayleen A. Niyo, Ph.D.  
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Editor, Iowa Bird Life  
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