

**Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**  
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

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**RESULTS:**

Species: (Common Name) Magnificent Hummingbird

(Scientific Name) *Eugenes fulgens*

Date(s) of occurrence: 7/4 and 7/5/ 2002

Number of birds seen: one

Sex: male

Plumage: full, adult

Exact location: 6 mi up 64.3 road/Brush Creek Access, 22338 64.3 Rd, Collbran, CO

County: Mesa

Nearest town: Collbran

Elevation: 8,400 ft

Length of observation: 1-2 minutes on 7 occasions

Time(s) of observation: approximately hourly from 3:30PM 7/4 to 10 AM 7/5 (had to leave cabin at that time)

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Mary Korte (wife)

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): none

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

Optical equipment used: 8x55 binoculars – view frequently too close for binoculars

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 7-15 feet

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? yes

If so, are you submitting photos? yes

Who took the photograph(s)? Nic Korte (observer)

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: cabin in meadow surrounded by aspen woods

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Fed at hummingbird feeders that surround deck of cabin. Less aggressive than the resident hummingbirds.

**DESCRIPTION** -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many 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, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings – folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

Observer is former resident of S. Arizona and is very familiar with this bird. Feeders are typically occupied by BTHU with some BCHU and RUHU. Larger relative size of this bird immediately called attention to it. Iridescent green throat and iridescent purple head were observed numerous times. The large white spot by the eye was easy to see. When the bird fanned it's tail, the lack of rufous as compared to the other hummingbirds was obvious.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: Not noted.

**SIMILAR SPECIES** – This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Size, separated it immediately from the usual hummingbirds. The iridescent green throat and purple forehead were observed.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I formerly lived in S. Arizona and observed this bird numerous times. I have a US list of over 500 species and an international list of nearly 900. I have more than 40 hummingbirds on my life list because of several trips to Costa Rica. I have had hummingbird feeders in Colorado for more than 20 years. I keep daily lists of sightings.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): I knew the bird before looking at guides, but had available and looked at both Kaufman's field guide and Sibley's Guide to Birds.

This report was made from (check one) \_\_\_ notes made during observation X notes made after observation \_\_\_ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: July 5, 2002 – 2:30 PM

Reporting observer: Nic Korte

Signature: *Nic Korte* 7/5/02

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Notes on the photographs:

These were taken with a Nikon Coolpix 800. Because of the small size of the bird relative to the field of view, the photos were cropped and then re-sized using Photoshop Elements. The photos appear much clearer on the computer screen and doubtless I could enhance their quality a bit more if I spent more time with them and Photoshop and found a higher quality printer.

I can provide a disc with the photos if that is necessary.

Nic Korte, 7/5/02

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Note size difference between the  
Magnificent Hummingbird and the Broad-tailed  
Hummingbird

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Iridescent green throat of Magnificent Hummingbird  
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Size & feeding posture. Note tail width.

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