

2003-74

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: 17 September 2003

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: Male

Plumage: Immature

Exact location: 8155 Birch

County: Pueblo

Nearest town: Rye

Elevation: 7000 feet

Length of observation: 2.5 hours

Time(s) of observation: 4:30 PM-7 PM

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

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: Partly cloudy skies, mostly sunny. My best look was when bird was directly east of me about 15 feet, 5 PM.

Optical equipment used: 10 x 40 Zeiss Binocular

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 5-20 feet

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? No

If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Foothills habitat of mixed Ponderosa Pine & Scrub Oak

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: This bird came to my hummingbird feeders and perched in dead limbs of Ponderosa Pines.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report.

The field mark first catching my attention was the bird's large size—about the size of a fairly large warbler. It dwarfed nearby Rufous and Broad-tailed Hummingbirds. The bird also had a long thin & solid black bill which was slightly down-curved. Crown was greenish and face was greenish gray with prominent white post ocular spot and grayish white stripe extending behind this spot. There was also a whitish malar stripe. Upperparts were iridescent green spotted with contrasting lighter green dots. Underparts were dapple gray, which melded into a very pale buff in the lower belly and under tail coverts. Throat was also dapple gray with a prominent iridescent green spot. Tail was notched and dark slate becoming more greenish towards base. White tail tips were small, mostly not visible except when bird flicked its tail. When bird was perched the tail tip extended slightly beyond wing tips.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: A loud chip "Tsik!" louder than nearby Rufous & Broad-tailed Hummingbird chips.

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Immature Blue-throated Hummingbirds have blue spot on throat, a larger tail with larger white tail tips than Magnificent. Blue-throated Hummingbirds also have proportionately shorter bills.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen many Magnificent & Blue-throated Hummingbirds in Arizona.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation): National Geographic Field Guide, 3rd edition, and Steve Howell, Hummingbirds of North America.This report was made from (check one) ☒ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 5:30 PM 18 September 2003

Reporting observer: David Silverman

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