

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Anna's Hummingbird Scientific Name: Calypte anna  
 Date: Nov 15-25 Time: Length of time observed: 1 hr (total)  
 Number: 1986 Age: immature Sex: male  
 Location: Holiday, Utah  
 Latilong: 6 Elevation (if known):  
 Distance to bird: within 10 feet Light conditions: varied from  
 Optical equipment: binoculars, scope sunny to overcast  
 Weather:

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

small bird with a long thin bill

nape and back green

gorget - feathers extended somewhat onto the sides of the neck and were a deep rose-red. Most of the feathers were present in the gorget but some had not come in yet.

crown difficult to see in the beginning finally (when sky was overcast) there showed a brilliant rose red.

underparts smudgy green

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: *Not heard observations made through a closed window on patio.*

Behavior:

*Would sit on branches of a tree, periodically coming into feeding briefly to feed alone*

Habitat:

*Feeders in foothills near SL*

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

*Costa's - the crown/gorget deep violet and the gorget extends further onto the sides of neck (not expected in Utah in winter)*

*Ruby throated, does not have a gorget extending onto sides*

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

*Not alot*

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

*Photographs by Joelle Buffa and myself were sent to Guy McCaskie and Jon Dunn who verified the I.D.*

Significance of record in this area or the state:

*First State Record*

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting \_\_\_ notes made later X from memory \_\_\_

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Other observers who independently identified this bird: *Helen + Carl Chindgren  
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Mark Bromley and many other observers*

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