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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Anna's HummingbirdSCIENTIFIC NAME: Calypte annaDATE: 18 March 2001 TIME: 08:00LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: ~3 minNUMBER: 1AGE: adultSEX: ♂LOCATION: Red Cliffs Preserve - campground, Washington Co., UT

LAT/LONG:

ELEVATION:

DISTANCE TO BIRD: ~10 m (closest point)WEATHER: 45-50°F, clear, no windLIGHT CONDITIONS: clear, morning - bright light

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

Relatively large hummingbird - larger than the Black-chinned Hummingbirds frequently seen in Washington Co. The hummingbird was solid greenish on the back; paler with greenish tinge on underparts. Crown and throat were clearly rose-red; eye-ring white.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:

Song: given from exposed perch in crown of cottonwood tree. (not described in field notes)

Call: a very loud, emphatic "chup", given near lowest point of display arc flight path.

BEHAVIOR: Singing and displaying. Display:

J-shaped flight path - followed in both directions - bird hovers at both endpoints.

HABITAT:

Low desert shrub/riparian woodland

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

No other hummingbird has reddish throat and crown. Seen in bright sunlight, the rose-red color could not have been confused with purple throat and crown of Costa's Hummingbird, which is an obviously small hummingbird (unlike the bird observed, which was noticeably large).

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

I have experience with Anna's Hummingbird in California, so. Nevada, and Arizona; experience with Costa's Hummingbird in Arizona; and Broad-tailed Hummingbird (which also has red color on throat) throughout the western U.S.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

Sibley Guide to Birds

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING X, NOTES MADE LATER _____

FROM MEMORY _____

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OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Rick Fridell; possibly Steve and/or Priscilla Summers at earlier date

DATE PREPARED: 20 December 2001

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO _____, DRAWING _____, TAPE _____, OTHER _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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