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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Anna's HummingbirdSCIENTIFIC NAME: Calypte annaDATE: 31 March 2001 TIME: 15:00LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: ~3 minNUMBER: 1AGE: adultSEX: ♂LOCATION: Red Hills Golf Course, St. George, Washington Co., UT

LAT/LONG:

ELEVATION:

DISTANCE TO BIRD: ~10 mWEATHER: 85°F, clear, 5-10 mph windLIGHT CONDITIONS: bright, sunny conditions

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

Relatively large hummingbird - larger than Black-chinned Hummingbird, which was also observed at this site on same day.

The hummingbird was solid greenish on the back; pale with greenish cast below. Whitish eye-ring. All of crown and throat were a bright rose-red, seen well in bright sunlight.

* Behavior & call identical to ~~bird~~ observed adult σ Anna's Hummingbird observed
18 March 2001 at Red Cliffs Preserve campground.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:

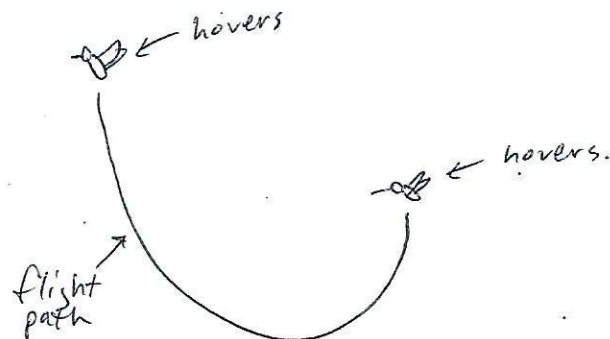
Call: a loud, emphatic "chop", given near lowest
point of display arc flight path.

BEHAVIOR:

Displaying -J-shaped flight path
followed back & forth; bird hovers at both end points.

HABITAT:

Low desert shrub.



SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

No other hummingbird has red throat and crown. Costa's Hummingbird has
purple throat and crown, but is a small hummingbird. The observed
hummingbird was noticeably large and the color of the head was rose-red,
seen in direct sunlight.

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 experience with Broad-tailed Hummingbird (which also has red 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 _____

OBSERVER: Robert Dobbs

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DATE PREPARED: 20 December 2001

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

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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