

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Selasphorus Species Hummingbird How many? 1

Location? 115 Lakeview Drive, Mason City, Ia. (Rita Goranson's residence)

Type of Habitat? Backyard with Hummingbird feeder attached to house

When? date(s): 20 July, 2000 time: 10:17 AM to 11:37 AM

Who? your name and address: Jan L. Walter, 934-13th SE, Mason City, Ia 50401

Others with you: Rita Goranson

Others before or after you: _____

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.
Size and shape; same as Ruby-throated. that came to the feeder once during the period. Bill: Long, dark, needle-like. Eye: Dark with small white spot behind. Crown, nape, and back: emerald green. Wings: dark Tail: dark, with large, white tips on outer three feathers on each side. Throat: white with lengthwise rows of small dots and 2 larger red dots that I could see. Central breast and belly: white with narrow rufous band. Sides and flanks: strongly rufous from the bend of the wing back. Undertail: rufous wash Upper tail: not seen. The only time I saw the upper side, the wings were folded over the tail. Voice: not heard Behavior: flew to the feeder and drank 7 times for 2 to 5 seconds at a time. Seen once with it's back toward us. The rest of the times, it was on the back side of the feeder.

Similar species; how eliminated: Rufous on sides and undertail eliminated all other species except Allen's. We could not eliminate it.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? No
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. Overcast with strong light. The bird was seen against a shrub background so the color was good, not washed out. Distance: about 20 feet, estimated Optical equipment: Swift 8x42 Ultralite binocular
Previous experience with species and similar ones: The only other Hummingbirds I've seen have been Ruby-throated and the Des Moines IOU Amazilia

References and persons consulted before writing description: National Geographic Society Field Guide Third Edition; Audubon Master Guide to Birding; Stokes Western Guide; The Hummingbird Book, Stokes; Iowa Bird Life, Vol. 68, p. 99

How long before field notes made? at once this form completed? next day

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