

Hummingbird species  
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Le Claire, Scott Co., IA  
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DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: 68:94

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VOTE: 6 A-D Hummingbird sp., 1 A-D Anna's

A-D, Probably a male Anna's.

A-D, Will even go so far as to accept as Anna's. Green body, red head, and straight bill all fit. This is a bird I have been expecting each fall for several years. The date is peculiar. Perhaps it was a wandering juvenile male last fall and somehow ended up in Iowa as it was getting adult plumage. The judgment of size is obviously off, but I don't find this troublesome for a non-birder. It was a dinky little bird.

A-D, This sounds like how a non-birder would describe a close encounter with a male Anna's Hummingbird, a possible early spring vagrant. Too bad he didn't get some photos before freeing the bird.

A-D, Any hummingbird at this date is extremely unusual. A vagrant seems more likely than a Ruby-throated at this date. Rufous and Anna's are typically fall vagrants. The description of red on the head strongly suggests a male Anna's. It is difficult to believe that the observer could mistake a hummingbird for some other type of bird; however, a photograph, netted bird, or thorough description by an observer experienced with hummingbird identification is needed to be sure of this species.

4/2/98

Tom

I have known these  
friends of ours for  
years.

Although he is not  
a birder he is an  
outdoorsman. He is  
a camper, hunter, and  
boater. A man  
very in tune with  
animal & bird life.

They stopped to  
see the sandhill  
cranes in Nebraska

98-10

last week.

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On 3/31/98 at approx. 2 PM I went into our Greenhouse, located on the south side of the garage, and saw a Hummingbird buzzing against the window. The bird was trying to get out and was flying against one of the 4 windows, its outside door was closed, the Hummingbird had a red \*head and a green body about 1 1/2" long & 3/4" diameter. The beak was about 3/4" to 1" long straight. The bird was very frantic and I used my hand and then a bamboo rake to move it to the door which I then opened to get it to fly outside. I was within 2-3 ft of the bird, sunshiny day. The Hummingbird finally flew outside and immediately landed in a tree 20 ft away and just rested for 3-4 min. It finally flew away.

\* the top, side and front of head was red

