

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION

To: Diane Porter

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Sometimes I am on the fence as to whether to include a bird sighting in the report or not, usually because I don't have enough information or the sighting is so unusual that I would like to check on it. I have a choice of making a decision or seeking more information. This form is an attempt to do the latter.

I would appreciate it if you would return this form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope as soon as possible so that I can make alterations in the report before it is published. Thanks.

Record: Ruby-throated Hummingbird 4-17-98

Significance: record early by 1 week

Information requested:

- confirm date
- how well seen (viewing time, distance, view, other details)
- description of bird (as much as you can honestly remember)
- voice (heard?, what was heard?)
- can other observers also provide details?

Not

My record book clearly shows the date as May 3!
I made a mistake entering it in the computer. I am very sorry. I knew I was in too much of a hurry. I should have checked everything before I sent the report to you.

By the way, the rest of the dates I have now checked, and they are correct.

Again, my apologies.

Diane Porter