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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Magnificent Hummingbird

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Eugenes fulgens*

DATE: 7/13/98 TIME: 8:00 AM LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 45 seconds

NUMBER: 1 AGE: adult SEX: female

LOCATION: Grapevine Wash, east of Washington

LAT/LONG:

ELEVATION: 2800 ft.

DISTANCE TO BIRD: 24" - 20 ft.

WEATHER: Clear

LIGHT CONDITIONS: excellent

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

Large hummingbird with loud wingbeats. Dark gray mottled underparts, thin streaking on chin. Long, slightly decurved bill. Sliver of white behind eye above darker gray patch. ~~Very~~ very little green-orange on sides. Green back. Dark tail with white corners, chased by smaller male Black-chinned Hummingbird.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:

None

BEHAVIOR:

Feed on Desert Willow flowers

HABITAT: Deep desert canyon/wash that empties into the Virgin River.

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

Black-chinned Hummingbird female is much smaller and shows much whiter underparts.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

Seen in southern Arizona

REFERENCES CONSULTED: Peterson Field Guide, National Geographic Field Guide, Stokes Field Guide.

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

FROM MEMORY

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DATE PREPARED: 7/15/98

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO , DRAWING , TAPE , OTHER

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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