

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Anna's Hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
One female
3. Parish:
Lafayette
4. Specific Locality:
Lafayette suburban backyard
5. Date(s) when observed: December 19, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:30 PM
7. Reporting observer: Cheryl Huner
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
none
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
James Van Remsen, and Erik Johnson
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny afternoon, indirect light, feeders in shade near rear of house.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica 10x42 binoculars, Nikon P1000 camera
12. Distance to bird(s): 10 feet
13. Duration of observation: Roughly 2 minutes intervals while feeding, several times during a 45 minute period.
14. Habitat: Suburban backyard fenced in with trees and sweet olive shrubs. Feeders close to the house.
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird dropped in close and began to use the feeder.
16. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body

bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

Hummer slightly larger than the BCHU presently in my yard with a dark green crown and back, plain/greenish wash on belly, very dark gorget feathers and on both sides of the gorget are metallic gold then iridescent green feather coloration. There is white in front of, on top of, and behind the eye.

17. Voice: Unnoticed

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Hummer did not pump its tail while feeding, and had a developing gorget that was green and gold as opposed to a ruby color, there was white in front of and in back of the eye.

Did not recognize the species until Dr. Remsen notified me of its identity, and Dr. Johnson's verification.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Myself, Cheryl Huner. Photos attached.

20. Previous experience with this species: There was an Anna's Hummingbird present in our garden last year at almost the exact same time. It stayed for about a week or so.

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

Peterson's Field Guide to Birds of North America

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes

24. Date report completed:

December 24, 2024

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes





