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748 Grey Eagle Cir., South
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
17 December 2006

Mr. Larry Semo
Chairman, Colorado Bird Records Committee
9054 Dover St.
Westminster, CO 80021

Dear Mr. ~~Semo~~^{Larry}:

Subject: Broad-billed hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*) in El Paso County, 13 April 2006

This letter summarizes information on the identification of an adult male broad-billed hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*) in Colorado Springs on 13 April 2006. Images of the hummingbird are in the attached CD-ROM, and an attached page contains details regarding the hummingbird and the encounter site.

On the morning of April 13, 2006 Marilyn and Richard Holliday, 1800 Ridgeway Ave., Colorado Springs called us regarding a possible broad-billed hummingbird visiting a feeder on the deck of their home. We offered to make video and digital images of the hummingbird to confirm identity and capture it for banding if approved by the Hollidays. We arrived in the late afternoon and set up camera equipment. The broad-billed male flew to the feeder as expected, and we obtained good quality images. With the Holliday's permission, we captured the broad-billed in a Taylor/Hall trap for banding. We found that he already had a band, number R (4000)-39239. After notifying the Bird Banding Laboratory via the Internet we learned that the band information had not yet been reported, indicating that the hummingbird probably had been banded recently.

We posted the band number and encounter information on the hummingbird banders' net and soon learned that Dave Patton had banded the hummingbird in New Iberia, Louisiana in December 2005. The distance between banding and encounter points is 965 miles. This is the second Louisiana-banded broad-billed hummingbird encountered in Colorado (the first, a female broad-billed, was encountered by Steve and Debbie Bouricius at Clifton, Mesa County, in 2002). An adult broad-billed male was reportedly seen near Lamar, Prowers County, on 17-18 April 2005, but I do not know if the CBRC has accepted that observation.

The sighting originators for this exceptional hummingbird, Marilyn and Richard Holliday, should be given credit as finders as they first reported the bird. We verified the sighting by images and the successful encounter.

Yours truly,

Tena and Fred Engelman
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2 enclosures:

1. Additional Information
2. CD-ROM with digital images

Cc: Marilyn and Richard Holliday

Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*)
Adult Male
Band Number 4000 (R)-39239
Encountered in Colorado Springs, Colorado on 13 April 2006

Banding Information: Dave Patton, the bander, reported that the broad-billed hummingbird had the following measurements when banded on 16 December 2005 in New Iberia, Louisiana: mass, 3.7 grams; wing chord, 53.2 mm; exposed culmen, 21.8 mm; maxilla, 40% red from base (no striations visible); and, rectrices, 26-34 mm (shortest to longest). He noted that it had fresh plumage and that the gorget had a few pin feathers evident. The hummingbird was last seen in New Iberia in March 2006 at the banding site.

Banding Site: Mike Musumeche residence, New Iberia, LA. The area is only a few miles from the marsh that borders the north side of Vermillion Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Site elevation is estimated as about 20 feet.

Encounter Information: Our measurements on 13 April 2006 were: mass, 3.85 grams and wing chord, 52.4 mm. We did not make additional measurements as the hummingbird was previously banded. He was struggling to escape and closing his eyes indicating stress. We did make sufficient images to confirm identity. Following release, the broad-billed remained nearby. He was not seen after the encounter date at the site.

Encounter Site: 1800 Ridgeway Ave., Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado. Site coordinates: 38° 47' 38" / 104° 51' 36" (T14S R67W Sec 26) and elevation 6,245 feet. Description: The encounter site is on a large raised deck over a garage on the southeast side of the residence. Several red hummingbird feeders are visible on metal poles. The front yard has a large flower garden while the back yard has mostly Gambel's oak and ponderosa pine trees. The back yard adjoins North Cheyenne Canyon Park and is in close proximity to the canyon and foothills.

ADULT MALE BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD

Cynanthus latirostris

COLORADO SPRINGS - 13 APRIL 2006



- SECOND OR THIRD COLORADO RECORD
- EXTREMELY RARE THIS FAR NORTH
- Banded in New Iberia, Louisiana, 16 Dec 05
- SECOND LOUISIANA-Banded Broad-billed Encountered in Colorado
- ONLY ABOUT 30 LOUISIANA RECORDS FOR Broad-billed Hummingbirds
- SIMILAR IN SIZE TO Broad-tailed, BUT DISTINCTIVELY DIFFERENT PLUMAGE AND BILL

