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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 40 Hawk Road City: Levittown State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 19056 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Albert Bilheimer
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Broad-tailed Hummingbird
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Selasphorus platycercus
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Have you submitted this to eBird?</b>	
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult male in breeding plumage
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	08-13-2012 3:30 PM
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Middletown Township, Bucks County, PA
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	40 Hawk Road, Levittown
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	N 40 deg. 9.740 min. W 074 deg. 53.502 min. elev. 215
<b>Habitat</b>	suburban backyard, at hummingbird feeder hanging from dogwood tree
<b>Distance to bird</b>	27 - 28 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear sunny day
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Nikon Monarch 8x42 (me) and Swarovski EL 8.5x42 (Albert)
<b>Description</b>	Appeared much larger than other hummers that regularly visit this and other feeders in our yard. Dark green back and white breast contrasted, but the

most noticeable feature was the huge bright pink/red throat which wrapped all the way to under the eye. Other notable feature was the heavy black bill, proportionally larger than ruby-throats. Almost looked too heavy to fly! Did not notice detail of tail as it did not perch or spread tail as far as we could tell; saw only a full right-side view. Did not notice any facial features, as we were both too stunned to think clearly.

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

Saw it hover, drinking from feeder, for only 40-50 seconds, not enough time to get a photo. Viewed from our back door across the swimming pool with unobstructed view to the feeder. It flew in from the left (north) and took off quickly to the right (south).

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

Relative size, straight black bill, huge red throat, overall appearance much more stocky than others we've seen here or saw in books.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

We did not notice buffiness on the belly, but we were too distracted to notice; other features were so remarkable.

**Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)**

Yes - no others in the references consulted had all the same features

**During**

no - but looked immediately after

**After**

Sibley Guide to Birds (Oct.2000), Thayer Birding.com

**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

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