

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2016-12-06 15:32:35
Observer's Name	Bobby Brown
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Observer's Address	United States
Names of additional observers	Deb, Bob and David Brown, along with at least 50 chasers from around the state
Species (Common Name)	Black-chinned Hummingbird
Species (Scientific Name)	Archilochus alexandri
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	adult female
Observation Date and Time	11-11-2016 5:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S32515765
County	Lycoming
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Montoursville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	1201 Cherry St.
GPS coordinates of sighting	41.248324, -76.905975
Habitat	Residential
Distance to bird	Held it while assisting with banding
Viewing conditions	Very dark during the first sighting, but good viewing conditions over the next few days
Optical equipment used	Swarovski EL Swarovision 8.5x42 Binocular, Vortex Optics Razor HD Angled Spotting Scope 16-48x65
Description	<p>Comments from the day it was banded:</p> <p>"Bird continuing from last night at dusk. Many local observers viewed the bird throughout the day. Tail pumping was almost immediately noticed when the bird flew in to the feeder, providing support for the tentative ID of BCHU. The photos from the previous night were compelling enough to schedule banding for the morning, which did take place. Bill measurement of 19.8mm was outside of the range for RTHU. Bill also showed decurve, but perhaps not enough to be conclusive by itself. P10 was more blunt/club-like than RTHU would show. The photos, videos and measurements were carefully considered by Wayne Laubscher (who banded the bird) and Scott Weidensaul, and they announced the following morning that they were confident that the ID of BCHU was correct."</p>

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

Bird was almost always present between 640am and 5pm during her stay, as she apparently was only feeding from the two feeders in the front yard, and while not feeding, would be seen in a tree across the street. She also fed on insects near that tree and a neighbor's bush.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Ruby-throated is the most similar. Tail pumping is a Black-chinned trait, and the bill measurement during banding measured outside of the range for Ruby-throated. Additionally, P10 was blunt/club-like.

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

Bird was present from dusk on 11/11 until around 8:30am on 11/15. Ironically, there is very little Ruby-throated Hummingbird activity at this location, with only a few birds seen per year, and almost never on the feeders.

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

Yes

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Pyle; Hummingbirds of North America (Howell); North American Hummingbirds (West)

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph
Video



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