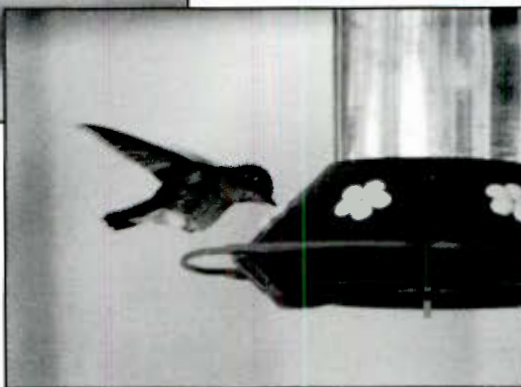
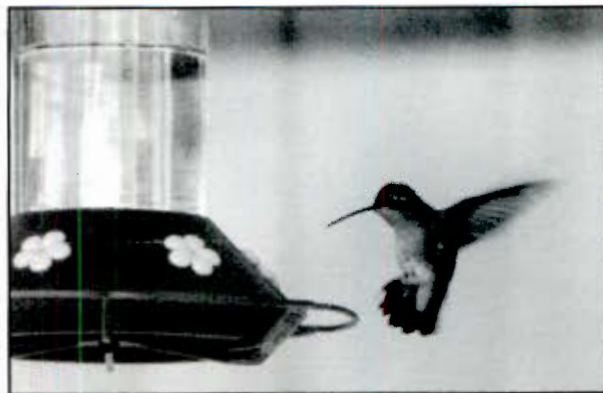
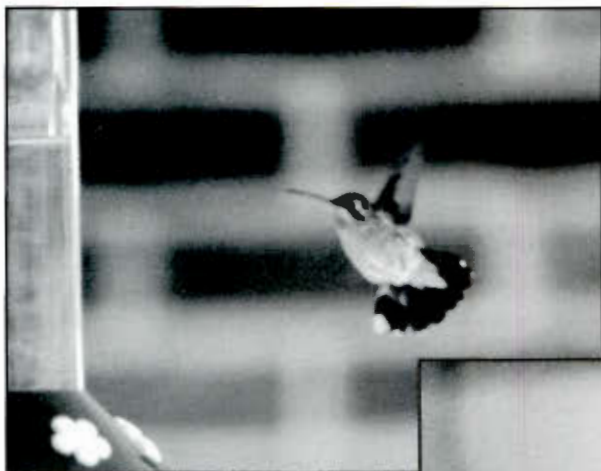


*Broad-billed Hummingbird, First State Record, Trivoli, Peoria Co. 9 Nov. 1996. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.*



hovered at the feeder and other times it sat and fed. The Broad-billed Hummingbird was last seen at 11 a.m. on 23 November 1996.

In its native range, the Broad-billed Hummingbird prefers open areas such as arid scrub, deciduous forest, and semi-desert. The Illinois bird was in an open area with woodland edge. The AOU check-list (1983) says the breeding range is from W. Sonora, S.E. Arizona, S.W. New Mexico, N. Chihuahua, W. Texas, and Tamaulipas south through Mexico to Oaxaca and Chiapas and east to N. Veracruz, Hidalgo, and Pueblo. Even in Arizona and New Mexico where it breeds, there are areas, especially north, in which this species is considered a vagrant.

In other southwestern states such as California, Utah (four records), Nevada (two records), and Texas, the Broad-billed Hummingbird is considered very rare with heavily birded California having the most records, nearly all of which are along the coast. Texas reportedly has 24 records. In the east, Louisiana has the most extralimital records, with five, all since 1992. There is one from South Carolina, Seneca, 30 July 1985 (AB40:99), one from Ontario, Peterborough County, 16-27 October 1989 (Carpentier 1990), and a recent record from Michigan, an adult in Lac LaBelle, May 31-June 7, 1996, (Jim Granlund pers. comm.). The AOU checklist gives an accidental record from Pensacola, Florida (details of which I could not find in the literature).

Identity of these vagrant hummingbirds is often

*Broad-billed Hummingbird, First State Record, Trivoli, Peoria Co. 22 Nov. 1996. Photos by Joe B. Milosevich.*

difficult or impossible. Whenever feasible and only if done by a licensed bander, late (past mid-October) hummingbirds

should be captured in mist nets and photographed to ensure accurate identification. If done properly and if the bird is released after a short time, there should be no harm. After we released the Peoria County Broad-billed Hummingbird, it attended the feeder for another two weeks.

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