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### BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRD RECORD CONFIRMED

The hummingbird tentatively identified in Volume 8, No.1, of Bird Observer as a Black-chinned (Archilochus alexandri) has been confirmed as this species by Dr. Alan R. Phillips, a noted authority on the critical identification of birds, particularly hummingbirds and flycatchers. It is the first record for Massachusetts. It should be noted that, although definitely a female, the bird could not be aged positively. The specimen has been deposited in the MCZ.

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