

A Second Capture of the Broad-tailed Hummingbird in California.—One of the interesting results of field work carried on by Mr. Laurence M. Huey in the White Mountains during the past summer and fall was the taking of an immature male Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*) in fresh post-juvenal plumage. This specimen was collected at an altitude of 9000 feet, on Cottonwood Creek, White Mountains, Mono County, California, August 23, 1921, and is now number J 1590 of my collection.

As early as May, 1912, Mr. H. S. Swarth, while engaged in field work in the Inyo Mountains for the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, detected the presence of this species within the confines of our State, and later recorded his experience (Condor, xviii, 1916, p. 130). His sight record and the accompanying prognostication were later confirmed by the taking of a female and two young in the White Mountains by another field party of the same Museum. In commenting on the taking of these first actual specimens in California, Dr. Joseph Grinnell (Condor, xx, 1918, p. 87) states that "the indications are that this Rocky Mountain species of hummingbird occurs regularly as a summer visitant to the high mountains along the eastern border of California, east of Owens Valley". The second capture, presented herewith, is merely additional proof that the earlier suppositions were amply justified, and that *Selasphorus platycercus* does occur regularly, if rarely, in the desert ranges of east-central California.—DONALD R. DICKEY, Pasadena, California, April 25, 1922.

An Unknown Near San Diego.—For the previous two winters a Green-tailed Towhee (*Oreospiza chlorura*) had frequented our back yard and fed from the bird-table there. This past winter I had been on the look-out for it to appear again. The first week in February I had several times caught a glimpse of a bird with some green on it flying away. I expected to recognize the towhee when I could get a good view of it.

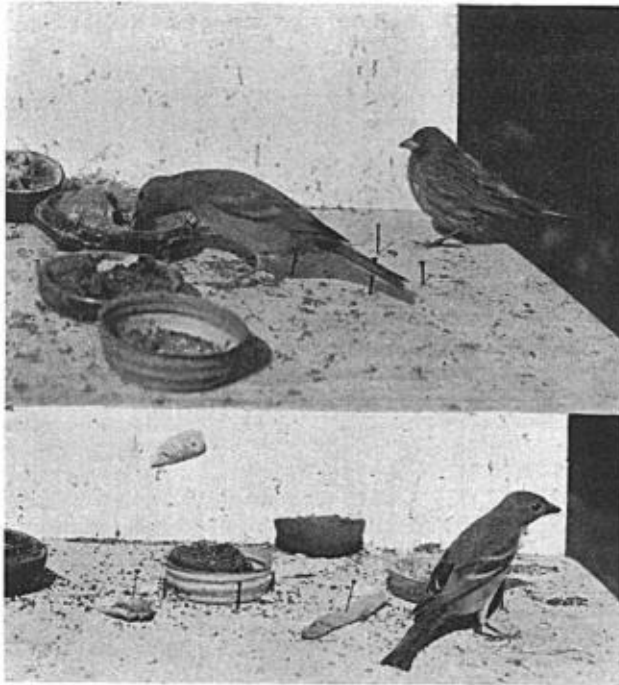


Fig. 34. TWO VIEWS OF AN UNKNOWN BIRD WHICH VISITED A FEEDING-TABLE NEAR SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, 1922. THE LINNET ALSO SHOWN FURNISHES A STANDARD OF COMPARISON.