A RECORD OF THE LUCIFER HUMMINGBIRD IN ARIZONA

The Lucifer Hummingbird (Calothorax lucifer) is found from the S. W. United States south to Chiapas, Mexico (Davis, 1972). Records of the Lucifer Hummingbird from Arizona include two old specimens from the 1800's (Phillips, 1964), three sightings during the spring of 1971 (American Birds 25:4:782), and two more sightings for that summer (American Birds 25:5:890).

On 14 July 1971 while watching birds at the feeders in Guadalupe Canyon, Cochise County, I saw a hummingbird with buffy underparts and a decurved bill. It proved to be a Lucifer Hummingbird and was seen several times during the day and photographed (Fig. 1). Color slides are on file at the University of Arizona in Tucson and at the San Diego Natural History Museum in San Diego.

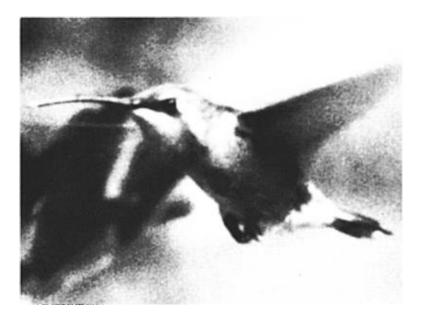


FIGURE 1. A female plumaged Lucifer Hummingbird at a feeder in Guadalupe Canyon, Arizona, on 14 July 1971.

Photo by Alan B. Myerfeld

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