Hummingbirds — Family Trochilidae

Broad-billed Hummingbird *Cynanthus latirostris*

Largely a Mexican species, the Broad-billed Hummingbird breeds no closer to California than southeastern Arizona. Yet it has crossed the Colorado River as a vagrant to California over 75 times, yielding 16 more or less well-supported records for San Diego County, all in fall and winter.

**Migration:** Eight of San Diego County's Broad-billed Hummingbirds have occurred in fall between 9 September and 9 November. Of these, one was at Point Loma (S7) 22 October 2001 (R. E. Webster, Garrett and Wilson 2003), and seven were in the Tijuana River valley (two on 9 November 1963, single birds 14 October 1962, 20–23 September 1977, 8–9 October 1981, 9–11 September 1983, and 5–8 October 1997).

Evidence for all but those in 1963 has been submitted to and accepted by the California Bird Records Committee. The committee rejected a spring report published in *American Birds* (Patten et al. 1995b).


**Taxonomy:** No specimen is preserved from San Diego County (or anywhere in California), but the birds at Balboa Park and Upper Otay Lake were photographed. Presumably the subspecies reaching us is *C. l. magicus* (Mulsant and Verreaux, 1872).