LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION

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Species: Broad-billed Hummingbird, *Cynanthus latirostris*Location: Capitol Heights neighborhood, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana
Date: 30 October 2020
Age and sex: First cycle male
Molt status: Extensive body molt, molting inner primaries, central retrices.
Number of individuals: One
Other observers: Gail Superbielle, Lauren Solomon
Original observer: Gail Superbielle

Circumstances: Found this afternoon by Gail Superbielle in her yard, and after arranging with her, Lauren and I went over to look at the bird. It took less than ten minutes for the bird to show up at the feeder. Temps in mid 60s, light breeze, clear. eBird checklist: https://ebird.org/checklist/S75616159

Description: Alarge mostly green hummingbird with a bright blue gorget fading to green lower down. Lower belly white with green mottling (adult plumage molting in). Thin and short white line behind eye. Bill long, mostly red mandible. Tail large and frequently fanned out, black with a shallow fork. Call a rapid chatter, rather like a harsher, lower pitched ruby-crowned kinglet.

Discussion: A straightforward identification. No other Louisiana hummingbird has a bright blue and green throat and a white line behind the eye. No evidence of hybridization with other species, as far as I could tell.



