

Allen's Hummingbird

B080 (*Selasphorus Basin*)

STATUS: No official listed status. On basis of specimen records, an extremely rare late summer migrant; actual status unknown, but possibly regular at all elevations in fall (Gaines 1977).

DISTRIBUTION/HABITAT: Knowledge of distribution and abundance sketchy because cannot be distinguished from rufous hummingbird in most plumages (see comments below, under "OTHER"). Less common in the Sierra Nevada than rufous hummer (Gaines 1977). Found in open sites from digger pine-oak woodlands up to alpine meadows during summer months.

SPECIAL HABITAT REQUIREMENTS: Nectar source.

BREEDING: Nonbreeder in the Sierra Nevada.

TERRITORY/HOME RANGE: No data on home range or territory sizes.

FOOD HABITS: Eats nectar from wide variety of flowers, also eats some insects. Probes flowers while hovering, gleans insects from flowers and foliage, and hawks for aerial insects.

OTHER: Adult males distinguished from adult male rufous hummingbirds by all-green back; back of male rufous hummer mostly rufous, perhaps with some green feathers (Stiles 1972).

REFERENCES: Bent 1940, Grinnell and Miller 1944, Pitelka 1951b.

