Berylline and Violet-crowned Hummingbirds in Arizona.—On 2 July 1967 I photographed a Berylline Hummingbird (Amazilia beryllina) at the feeders of the Peabodys' Mile Hi Lodge in Ramsey Canyon, Huachuca Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona. It was first seen by the Peabodys on 15 June and was last seen the evening of 3 July in the midst of the third summer rainstorm. The bird was not in full adult plumage, for it lacked the numerous dark green flecks on the throat, the bright emerald green upper parts and breast, and the bright buff of the lower belly. Because of its pale green and buff plumage and the very worn feathers, it was probably a second year female. The initial identification of this bird has been confirmed by Allan R. Phillips on the basis of the two original color transparencies, now on deposit in the Los Angeles County Museum. This is the first authenticated record for Amazilia beryllina in the United States. The closest known Mexican specimen of beryllina is a male Phillips collected in central Sonora some 90 miles south of the border 16 June 1953 (J. T. Marshall, Jr., Pacific Coast Avif., 32: 80, 1957).

Also present and well photographed at the same feeders in Ramsey Canyon were several Violet-crowned Hummingbirds (Amazilia verticalis) on 2 July. This species has become regular in small numbers (up to 6 present in late July) every summer for the past few years at this locality. The only other known authenticated Huachuca Mountain record was a specimen collected in 1905 (Phillips, pers. comm.).

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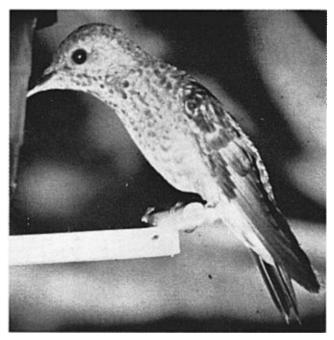


Figure 1. Berylline Hummingbird photographed at a feeder in Ramsey Canyon, Arizona, 2 July 1967 (reproduced from Ektachrome transparency).