

## Not R2 Sensitive Species and Not of Concern

### Recommendations and Evaluations

**Common Name:** Black-chinned Hummingbird

**Scientific Name:** *Archilochus alexandri*

**Recommendation:** Not R2 Sensitive Species and Not of Concern

#### Recommendation Rationale:

I believe that significant information on the distribution, habitat preferences and abundance of Black-chinned Hummingbird in R2 was omitted from this species review. Based on this additional information, I recommend that the status of this species be Not R2 SS and Not of Concern Now.

The reviewer states that this species is "most abundant in lower elevation riparian areas – likely outside of Forest Service land. R2 on periphery of range". In fact, R2 forms part of the eastern edge of the species range. However, the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas shows this species to be a widespread and relatively abundant breeder across most of western and parts of southeastern Colorado. Although this species may prefer deciduous riparian habitats as stated by the reviewer, it is not limited to these habitats. In fact, as stated in the Colorado BBA, detections in pinyon/juniper woodlands outnumbered any other habitats reported by atlasers, including riparian. There are significant pinyon/juniper woodlands found on a number of R2 units at lower elevations, and this species occurs, albeit at lower abundance, in other higher elevation habitats for which R2 has significant management responsibility. Therefore the statement that this species is "likely outside of Forest Service land" is misleading.

The reviewer displayed the occurrence of this species as likely to occur on only two units in R2, when in fact it is known to occur (and is a relatively common breeding species in some areas) on at least four more units, and is likely to occur on two additional units. In total, it is known or likely to occur on at least eight units in R2, nearly half of all units in R2.

Clearly this species is well distributed within areas and habitats administered by R2. Although it is most abundant in lower elevation deciduous riparian habitats, it is found in a wide variety of habitats and is considered a habitat generalist. The population trend in R2 appears to be stable and there are no known significant threats to either key habitat components or key reproductive factors on R2 lands. Therefore, it does not qualify for R2 SS status at this time.