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Learning About New Mexico's Wildlife Broad-billed hummingbird

Broad-billed hummingbird

A flash of iridescence, an electric buzz, and it's gone. Hummingbirds, these noisy sparks of color, are not strangers to the avian world. They simply extend its boundaries. These birds are diminutive. A hummingbird's intestines are hair-thin and two inches long. Its feathers could barely tickle a grasshopper's nose. The two eggs in the average female's clutch are the size of peas. Adult males of the broad-billed hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*) are recognizable by their orange-red bills, dark green underparts, black wings and blue throats. Females and immatures have a small, white line behind the eye.



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