

A couple of days ago I spotted a hummingbird at Swan Lake sitting at the very top of a cedar tree.

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It just seemed like a pretty regular sighting of an Anna's Hummingbird, which are common on the island.

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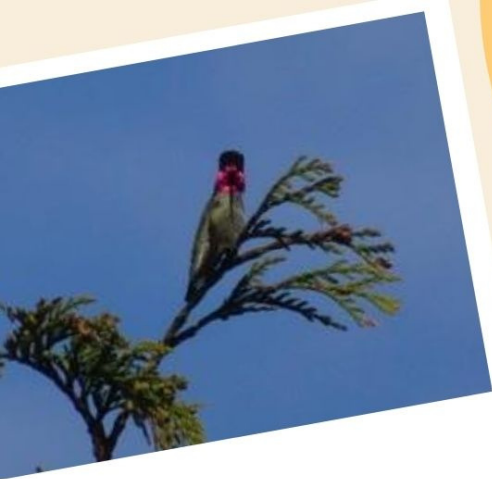


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Then he turned into the sun and you could see the iridescent feathers of the male hummingbird catching the light perfectly. They call these brilliant feathers a throat patch, also known as a gorget.

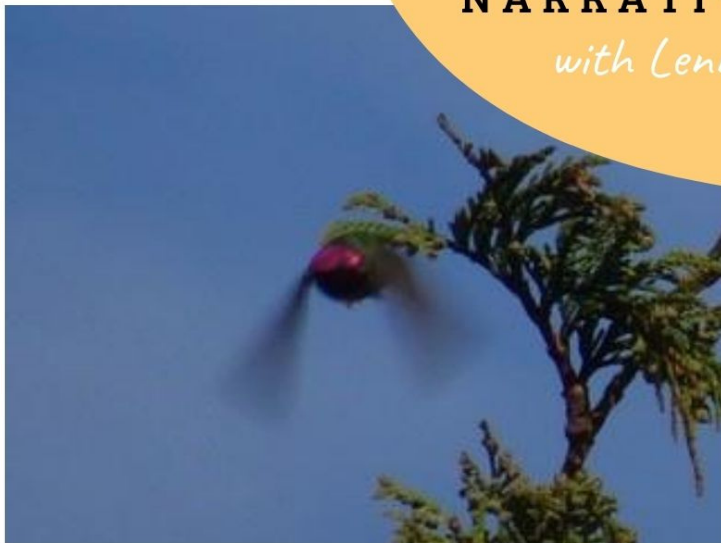
But on the Anna's the throat patch gorget extends over its whole head making it more like a balaclava. It was amazing.



And then within a few
seconds he was gone...

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It was a brief but wonderful experience, and sharing with
you is a perfect way to appreciate what we have in our own
backyard.

Take care, Lenny