

# OASIS HUMMINGBIRD

*Rhodopis vesper vesper*  
Lesson, 1829



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Caprimulgiformes

**Family:** Trochilidae

2 other subspecies



APPENDIX II

VERY RARE



## LEAST CONCERN

**Identification:** Adults can grow to 13 cm in length for a weight of 4.2 g. Plumage iridescent dark green, white breast and belly, black wings and tail, reddish rump. Male has iridescent purple throat and long tail. This subspecies has the longest bill.

**Range:** This subspecies occurs in western Peru and extreme north Chile. Species also found in north-west Peru, north and north-central Chile.

**Habitat :** Arid steppes and gardens, mostly in coastal hills, from lowlands to 3000 m.

**Behavior:** The species is solitary and territorial but may gather in big numbers in areas with lots of food. Feeds on flower nectar and insects. Nest located low in trees.

**Status in the wild:** The species is very common in arid zones and adapts well to man-made habitats. It used to be traded in big numbers in Peru but this has stopped.

**In captivity:** This species is very rare in captivity overall and hasn't been displayed in Europe since 2008. It hasn't been bred in captivity in Europe, no information from America. This subspecies was kept in a single American zoo in 2011 but not bred.