



Figure 1. Snowy-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia edward*, Ujarrás, Paraíso, prov. Cartago, Costa Rica, October 2011 (Ernesto M. Carman)

First record of Snowy-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia edward* on the Caribbean slope of Costa Rica, and another record from the Caribbean slope of Panama

Snowy-bellied Hummingbird is endemic to Costa Rica and Panama⁸, with one record from north-west Colombia¹. In Costa Rica it occurs on the southern Pacific slope^{4,8} possibly blocked by the high mountains of the Cordillera Talamanca, as occurs with other species^{3,5}.

On 27 October 2011 we photographed (Fig. 1) an immature visiting flowers of the cultivated *Sechium edule* (Cucurbitaceae) in Ujarrás, Paraíso, prov. Cartago, 1,036 m (09°83'873"N 83°83'799"W). A bird (we assume the same) was seen there repeatedly until 19 December 2011. To our knowledge, this the first record of *A. edward* on Costa Rica's Caribbean slope.

The Ujarrás Valley receives an important influence from the Pacific due to a low pass in the Cordillera de Talamanca near Casamata, prov. Cartago (EMC unpubl.). Such passes in montane ranges are well recognised as 'gateways' for species dispersal^{2,6} and taxa such as the Snowy-bellied

Hummingbird probably reach the Caribbean slope via this low pass.

We also observed *A. edward* on 13 June 2008 near Catalina, prov. Chiriquí Grande (08°86'298"N 82°17'974"W) on the Caribbean slope of Panama, which supplements two other observations in this area⁷.

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