



## Inspection Report

---

University Of California - Riverside

OFFICE OF RESEARCH INTEGRITY  
200 UNIVERSITY OFFICE BUILDING  
RIVERSIDE, CA 92521

Customer ID: **9195**

Certificate: **93-R-0436**

Site: 001

THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 19-AUG-2025

---

**2.38(f)(1)      Critical**

**Miscellaneous.**

On September 30, 2024, one hummingbird, Ash, died after becoming entangled in its monitoring harness. Records show on September 12, 2024, Ash got his bill stuck in the neck loop present on this harness design. According to the Principal Investigator (PI), the harness was removed and replaced. A second hummingbird, Momo, was found on the ground with his bill stuck in the neck loop on September 28, 2024, and survived the entanglement with no physical injuries or abrasions noted. The PI stated Ash's death was reported to the campus veterinarian immediately in September of 2024 and the lab discontinued use of this specific harness design as it was not suitable. Although the approved protocol addresses measures to ensure the safety of the hummingbirds by conducting weekly checks to assess whether the harness has any negative effects on birds, at least two birds became entangled in its monitoring harness and likely experienced behavioral stress and unnecessary discomfort, and one bird, death.

Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

To be corrected from this day forward, August 19, 2025

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representatives.

---

Prepared By: ALEXANDRA ANDRICOS

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

10-DEC-2025

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL  
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:

10-DEC-2025



### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
9195	93-R-0436	001	THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE	19-AUG-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	<i>Calypte anna</i>	ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD

000006	<b>Total</b>
--------	--------------