

Hummer Update # 1

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Fellow Hummer Lovers

I'm not sure summer is ever going to end this year, but it is time to start looking for winter hummers now that almost all of our Ruby-throated hummers are gone.

I've gotten started with some return banded hummers. Oct 6 I caught Velma Britain's Rufous back for the fourth winter in Mobile. Yesterday in Dothan, I caught a third year return Rufous at Leonard Gilley's home. In Pensacola, Kay Keigley and I enjoyed the nice weather in her backyard and finally caught her second year return Buff-bellied. Steve Backes in Valrico FL sent me a message last night that he had photos of the band to document the return of his third year Rufous. Steve said he has three Rufous in his great yard. That's pretty amazing for that part of Florida this early in the "winter" season.

Please let me know when your winter hummer settles in at your feeder. I'm hoping for more of them this winter. I hope to see you with at hummer soon.

Thanks

Fred