

Hummer Update # 2

November 29, 2020

Fellow Hummer Lovers,

In September, October, and early November, I went through a lot of reports of one-day wonder Rufous, and a lot of them feeding on flowers only when I tried to catch them. The tide has turned now, and good numbers of Rufous are settling in at feeders for me to band.

September 29 in Silverhill, I banded a Rufous for Karen Chaisson and then went to Lillian to band my first Allen's of the season and two Rufous for Jim Dickerson. Below is a picture of the juvenile male Allen's.



November 1 I banded a Rufous for Burke Baker in Santa Rosa Beach and another Rufous for Sondra and James Stokes in Laurel Hill, FL. November 6, I went to a lot of homes along the coast but only banded a Black-chinned and a Rufous for Jackie Swenson in Milton, FL. I got lucky to get a picture of Jackie's juvenile female Rufous flying out of her hand.



Back down on the coast on November 15, I had a lot of no shows and only banded a Black-chinned in Foley for Cynthia Walker. Banding picked up November 20 when I banded a Rufous for Jim Dickerson in Lillian, two Rufous for Ellen Crotty in Foley, and a Rufous for Serena and Jimmy Cooper in Navarre, FL. Two days later Emma Rhodes banded this beautiful female Buff-belled at Ellen Crotty's home. The picture is courtesy of Janice Neitzel.



November 23, I went to Dothan to band a Black-chinned for Dennis Campbell and then near Hartford where I caught a third year return Rufous and banded a Rufous for Dick Mowbray. I finally got my first real good banding day November 27 when I started by banding a Rufous for Jane Nall in Atmore. In Fairhope I banded an amazing five Rufous for Duane and Betty Miller and didn't catch all of their birds. I ended a great day in Mobile where I banded a Black-chinned for Ron Rowell and another Black-chinned for Velma and LJ Britain.

Cold weather this week will knock back flowers and bring more hummers to feeders. I have a couple of days of banding along the coast this week and will be glad to add you to my banding schedule if you get hummers at your feeder.

Thanks
Fred