

Hummer Update # 2

December 29, 2021

Fellow Hummer Lovers,

After a great winter banding season last winter, this season has been the slowest ever so far. The unprecedented warm weather has hummingbird gardens still in full bloom, and hummers don't need feeders. Maybe January will bring colder weather and more hummers at feeders.

Most of my banding trips this winter has been a lot of driving for an occasionally hummer. I didn't band a single hummer in October. Nov 8 I went to Mariana FL to band a male Rufous for Michelle and Ben Cousin. Nov 15 I went to several homes in Mobile but only banded a male Ruby-throated for Ron Rowell. Nov 17 I banded a Ruby-throated and a Rufous for Dick Mowbray near Hartford AL. Nov 20 I went to Fayetteville Ga to band a Rufous for William Johnson.

Dec 1 I banded a Ruby-throated for Glenda and Dean Bowman in Pensacola and went up to Milton to band a Rufous for Kevin Stewart. The next morning, I went to Thomasville GA where I banded a Rufous for Mina Thompson. Dec 8 I had an easy trip to Ramer just south of Montgomery to band a Rufous for Susan Grantham.

I finally had a better day Dec 19 when I started in Enterprise banding a Rufous for Carol Dreilinger. In Dothan, I banded a Rufous for Dennis Campbell and went on to Mariana FL to band a Rufous for Michelle and Ben Cousin. I finished in Niceville FL banding a Rufous for Renee and George Gollehon and two Ruby-throated hummers for Betsy Clark and Bob Reid.

Dec 20 I banded a Rufous for Ron Rowell in Mobile and two Ruby-throated, a Rufous, and my first Black-chinned of the winter for Velma and LJ Britain. Last one for 2021 was Dec 26 in Dothan where I banded a Ruby-throated for Susann and Doug Bates.

A freeze is finally forecast this weekend, and I have a few reports of new birds along the coast. If you get one, please let me know.

Thanks

Fred