

Hummer Update # 1

November 10, 2022

This is the last update I will send out as an email. I post them on our website Hummingbirdresearch.net, and you can read them there on the Hummer Updates page.

Almost all of our Ruby-throated hummers have migrated now, and I would like to hear about any hummers coming to your feeders if you would like them identified and banded.

Our winter season started with a bang on October 3 when I banded a beautiful adult male Mexican Violetear at a home on Lake Eufaula. The only other one banded in Alabama was 25 years ago in Grand Bay by Bob Sargent.



Adult male Violetear

Second winter hummer was October 30 when I banded a juvenile male Rufous for Teresa Nooney in Callaway, FL. That was the sixth species for Teresa's wonderful garden.

My good luck continued on November 2 in Pensacola where I banded an adult female Buff-bellied for Jan Lloyd. That makes four Buffies I have banded at Jan's home which is more than any other home.



Adult female Buff-bellied

I have had several reports of Rufous, but they were “one-day wonders” until I banded an adult female Rufous November 9 in Ashford AL for Renea Simpson. I have more reports of unidentified hummers to check out next week.

Watch your feeders after the coming cold weather, because I expect more winter hummers to show up. I would like to know about any hummers at your feeders until March 1.

Thanks

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