

Hummer Update # 2

December 13, 2022

Fellow Hummer Lovers,

We are off to another good start to our winter hummer banding season. Since my last update, I have banded 30 hummers including 19 Rufous, 6 Ruby-throated, 3 Black-chinned, 1 Calliope, and 1 Buff-bellied.

Oct 30 in Callaway FL I banded a juvenile male Calliope. The purple gorget feathers starting to come in were diagnostic for that beautiful young fellow.



Juvenile male Calliope

Nov 9 banding started to pickup when I banded my first Rufous in Ashford AL. Nov 15 I went to Five Points AL to band a female Ruby-throated. Nov 17 in Cecil near Montgomery, I banded a female Rufous.

The next morning in Callaway FL, I banded a female Buff-bellied at the same home where I banded the Calliope two weeks earlier. The white spot under the chin is diagnostic in the picture below.



Adult Female Buff-bellied

Later that day, I banded a juvenile male Rufous in DeFuniak Springs FL and a juvenile male Black-chinned in Pensacola. Nov 22 I banded two female Rufous in Allentown FL and another female Rufous in Troy AL. Nov 25 in Satsuma AL, I banded an adult female Rufous and a juvenile male Rufous.

Nov 28 I went to Eatonton GA to band a beautiful adult male Black-chinned.



Adult Male Black-chinned

Dec 3 in Birmingham AL I captured an adult male Rufous back for the second winter.



Adult male Rufous

The same morning in nearby Hoover AL, I banded a female Rufous.

Dec 5 was the best day so far this season. I started in Allentown FL banding a female Rufous. Nearby in Pensacola, I banded a juvenile male Ruby-throated and an adult male Rufous. I banded a female Rufous near Magnolia Springs and finished up in Fairhope AL at a home banding two Rufous and two Ruby-throated hummers.

Dec 6 I banded a female Rufous, a juvenile male Ruby-throated, and a juvenile male Black-chinned in Mobile and stopped in Atmore to band a female Rufous on the way home. Dec 8 I banded two female Rufous near Hartford AL and a male Ruby-throated in Niceville FL. Last hummer for this report was Dec 10 in Indian Springs Village AL where I banded a female Rufous.

Leave a feeder out in case Santa brings you a Christmas hummer. The height of the winter season is the next month. I hope you get one and share it with me.

Thanks,

Fred

