

Hummer Update # 3

January 7, 2023

Fellow Hummer Lovers

Lots of good hummers since my last update. The hard freeze brought more hummers to the feeders of hosts that did great work to help hummers when they really needed it.

Dec 16 got off to a good start when I banded three Rufous for Jimmy Stephenson in Satsuma. In Mobile, I banded a Rufous for Sister Elizabeth Cannon and finished up banding a Black-chinned for Larry Gardella in Daphne. Dec 21 I went to SE Alabama to band a Rufous in Ozark for Patsy Moyse. In Dothan I banded a Rufous for Dennis Campbell and a Ruby-throated for Doug Bates and finished up near Marianna FL banding a Rufous for Leslie Longbottom.

Back in Mobile Dec 27, I banded a Rufous for Sandra Kerr, two Rufous for Nick and Donna Southall, and a Rufous for Barbara McLeod. I also caught a second year return Rufous for Ron Rowell. Across Mobile Bay in Fairhope, I banded a Ruby-throated for Amy Phillippi and caught a beautiful adult male Rufous at the home of Alison Graves that I banded last year at the nearby home of Jasmine O'Connor. Still in Fairhope the next morning, I banded a Rufous and a Ruby-throated for Leslie Guilian and then went to Lillian to Autumn Nickle's home to band a Rufous and catch a second year return Rufous. In Pensacola, I caught a third year return Rufous for Powers McLeod and banded a Rufous and a Ruby-throated for Glenda Bowman. I finished up a good day in Pace banding two Rufous for Diane Smith. The next morning, I ran up to Notasulga AL to band a Rufous for Melinda Weldon and on to Auburn to band another Rufous for Rusty Weldon.

I got a great start Jan 5 2023 in Mobile banding a Calliope for Vicki Dykes and a stunning male Buff-bellied for Anne Falkenhagen. Over in Spanish Fort I banded my second Calliope of the day for Jeanette Eden. I finished up the day banding a Ruby-throated for Alison Graves in Fairhope and a Rufous for Eleanor Livadais in Point Clear.

Dec 6 started with a bang in Foley when I banded five Rufous for Eva Barnett in her wonderful yard. In Pensacola, I banded a Rufous and a Ruby-throated for Glenda Bowman and, in Pace, I banded two more Rufous for Diane Smith. Then I ended a great trip in Niceville banded my third Calliope of the trip for Renee and George Gollehon.

Yesterday in Fairhope, Leslie Guilian got a picture of a different banded Rufous than the one I banded for her last week. Kyle Shepard was banding in the area this morning and caught her new hummer. We were all surprised and pleased that it is one I banded two years ago in Blakely GA. Hosts are always glad to get the news their hummer has been recaptured.

I appreciate how dedicated hosts were during the hard freeze. I tell people hosts will do things for winter hummers that they wouldn't do for their own children.

Thanks,

Fred