



Geoffrey Williamson <[REDACTED]>

The Lisle Hummingbird

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VERNON KLEEN <[REDACTED]> Mon, Dec 14, 2020 at 8:15 AM
To: Geoffrey Williamson <[REDACTED]>, Eric Secker <[REDACTED]>

Geoff & Eric:

Attached is a link which (I've been told) includes a video and a series of photos (I've not been able to view or review them) of the adult female Rufous Hummingbird that I banded at Lisle last Wednesday.

For IORC records, the following measurements were taken:

Grooves in the bill (none -- which meant it was an adult;
Wing Chord -- 46 mm
Exposed culmin length -- 17 mm
Width of R5 -- 4.1 mm
R2 shape -- emarginated
Gorget -- large central spot

Hope this is of some value for IORC purposes.

You should already have similar details for the adult female Rufous banded at East Alton (Madison County) on Monday, 7 December and the immature male Rufous banded at Decatur (Macon County) on Wednesday, 18 November.

As referenced in the past, all extralimital hummingbirds should be banded for a) to determine correct species (especially Rufous vs Allen's); b) to see if these are the same birds that visit more than one feeding station (in the same area, in the same state or even in different states); and c) to see if these are the same birds that come back to the same (of different) area in subsequent years. So, many thanks for letting me know if/when additional birds show up.

THANKS.

Here's wishing you both (and your families) a fun, safe, healthy and prosperous CBC (and holiday) season and a great 2021.

Vern

----- Original Message -----

From: Carissa Baier <[REDACTED]>
To: VERNON KLEEN <[REDACTED]>
Date: 12/13/2020 11:25 AM
Subject: Re: The Bird

Hi Vern,

It seems our hummer has moved on. She visited all day Wednesday, and was very actively visiting the feeder Thursday morning, but we haven't seen her since about 10 am Thursday morning. We hope she sensed the incoming storm and moved on.

The link below has the pictures and videos I took plus a few pictures that birders visiting my house shared.

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=1a1wmXuI2IgrFYzRI2PWsHIFDvJO_3-Oh

Carissa

On Sun, Dec 13, 2020, 10:11 AM VERNON KLEEN <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Carissa:

In regards the facebook posting, I wouldn't mind seeing it but have not been able to pick it up on facebook. I was told that since you have the original video you would be able to forward that directly to me! Is that possible?

THANKS!

Also, is the bird still visiting?

Vern

On 12/10/2020 9:07 AM Carissa Baier <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Vern,
The hummer was back all day yesterday and has been regularly feeding today as well.

Thank you for all the information I can share with everyone. This has truly been quite the learning experience for our family.

Carissa

On Thu, Dec 10, 2020, 8:58 AM VERNON KLEEN <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Carissa:

Did the bird continue to make its regular visits yesterday and this morning?

I've heard from friends who saw the "banding" on face book. It's possible that some people may wonder why it was banded. If you've not already done so, you might add a note along with the face book photos indicating that it's important to have all of the "extralimital" hummingbirds (such as this one) banded to determine if 1) they are Rufous or Allen's (or any other species) since "in-hand" measurements are the only positive way of knowing); 2) they are the same birds that move around from feeder to feeder (in the same area, same state or even different states); and 3) if they are the same birds that return to the same sites (or anywhere else) in subsequent years. None of this information is possible without the birds being banded. As you observed, the

capture, banding and data collection operations are done quickly and when the bird is released it nearly always resumes its regular activities.

Everyone who came and saw the bird now know (for sure) that it is a Rufous rather than just "presuming" it was and can add it as a Rufous to the "many" lists they maintain. (And thanks for entertaining the many appreciative guests who came to see it and permitting it to be banded).

Again, THANKS.

Vern