

HOT BIRDS



A *Selasphorus* hummingbird bonanza occurred this autumn, with at least eight birds being reported at feeders across the state. Phil Brown took these photographs of a **Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird** in Essex in late September (left) and a female **Rufous Hummingbird** in Amherst in October (right).



A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was a welcome sight at the feeding station at Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary. David Larson took this shot of the immature male on October 14.



Bob Packard found a **Cassin's Kingbird** in Whatley on November 1, and Denny Abbot was there to get this dramatic flight shot the next day.



On November 7, Rick Heil found a **Barnacle Goose** in Ispwich. David Larson took this photograph of the rather unapproachable bird.



Hot Birds rarely features images of captive birds, but this stunning photo of a **Varied Thrush**, netted and banded at Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences on November 8, is way too nice to pass up.