

HOT BIRDS



This **Clay-colored Sparrow** beat the odds and survived a very nasty winter by partaking of the largess of Steve Grinley at his Bird Watcher's Supply & Gift at the Route 1 rotary in Newburyport. Phil Brown took this great photo at the store in January.

Jim Berry and Paul Baicich (Director of Conservation and Public Policy for the American Birding Association) located this adult **Mew (Common) Gull** at the seawall in Newburyport Harbor on March 9, 2003. Phil Brown was there with his trusty digiscoping outfit for another great photo.



One of the many *Selasphorus* hummingbirds that visited Massachusetts last fall, this female after-hatch-year **Rufous Hummingbird** was banded in Amherst in October. Phil Brown was there and snapped this stunning image. For more on the *Selasphorus* incursion, see the article on page 129.