

HOT BIRDS



This **Red Phalarope** was found by Tom Swochak on September 12, 2003, on the edge of a tobacco field in Westfield. It was a very popular attraction in the western part of the state over the next few days. Chris Buelow took this great image. How often do you get to see phalarope toes?

Whit Manter found this **Say's Phoebe** in West Tisbury near the shore of Tisbury Great Pond on September 10, 2003. Since the bird was happily feeding on flies, beetles, and larvae in a pasture, photographer Matt Pelikan reports that he literally crawled through sheep excrement (not his choice of word) to get the last couple of photos.



Phil Brown was chasing another influx of autumnal *Selasphorus* hummingbirds and managed a two-fer when he got these stunning images of female **Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds**. Both the bird in Amherst (below, left) and the one in Lanesborough (below, right) were digiscoped on October 26, 2003.

