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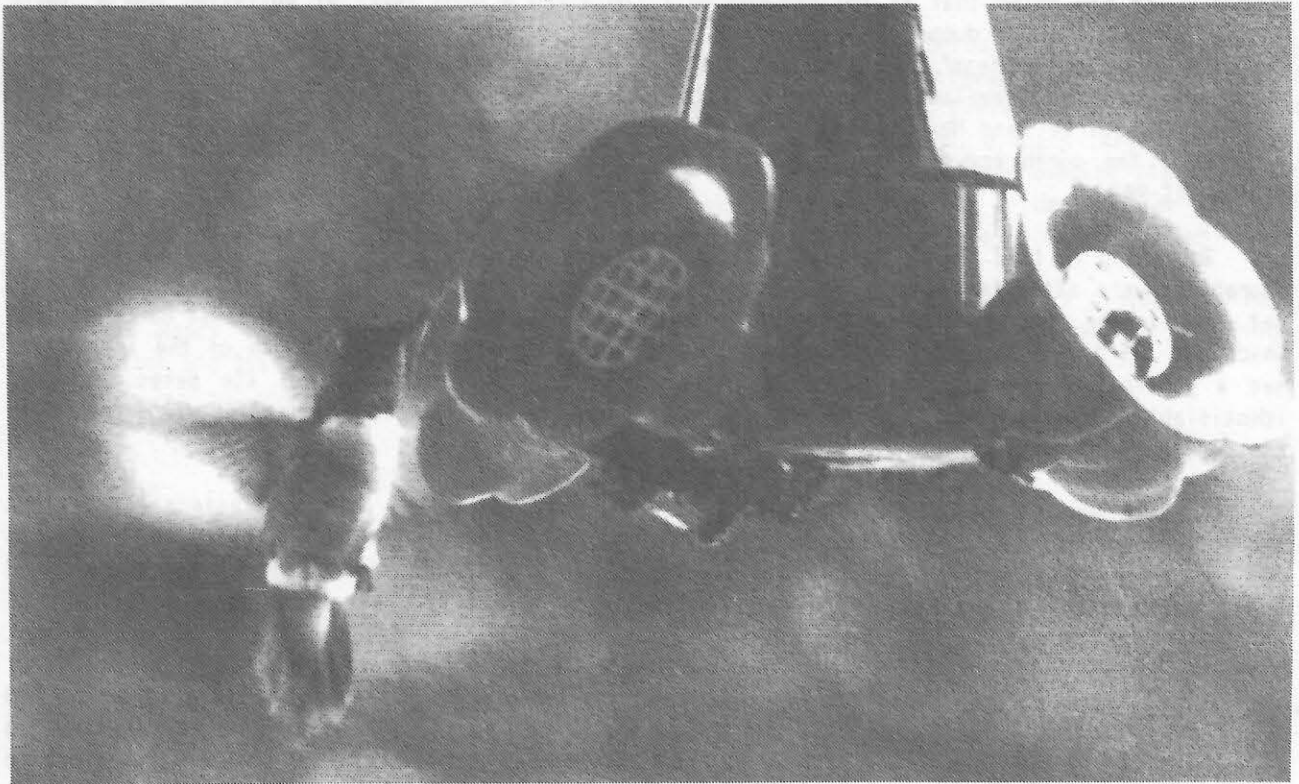
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At 7:30 o'clock a.m., November 5, 1987, Muriel Cohen discovered the Cleveland Region's first Rufous hummingbird. She identified the brilliant male without even a picture of the species. She only had the old edition of Peterson's Eastern Guide which describes the bird without a picture.

She called a local television station, but they showed little interest. It was not until November 9, 1987, that she contacted the Cleveland Audubon Society. Lois and Harold Wallin went to Parma and saw the bird. Harold then called the Cleveland Bird Calendar Editor, Ray Hannikman, and word spread via the Kirtland Bird Club hotline tape.

Muriel kept detailed notes on the feeding activity of the bird. Although she emphatically denied having more than a passing interest in birds, her note taking reflected her British origin. The bird fed every 15 minutes and last did so at 5:10 o'clock p.m., November 10th. Muriel said she enjoyed watching the "bird watchers" and remarked that she will definitely leave the feeder up into November next year.

Editor's Note: Photographs of each of these birds were taken. The possibility exists that these records represent the same individual as these locations are not that far from each other.



Rufous Hummingbird, August 22 - September 1, 1987, Southington, Ohio
(Trumbull Co.) Photographed by Richard Thomas.