

In 1924 two more Hummingbirds were banded, one, a male, 87061, brought to me on July 21st by Robert Clark, nephew of Professor Emerton. The bird was caught on the window-pane in the shed by placing a milk-bottle over it. The other, a female, 87985 was caught July 10, 1924, in the same place by Professor Emerton and brought to me.

Since 1915 we have been feeding Hummingbirds with sweetened water, and as early as May 21st, when no flowers were seen, they have been seen drinking from the tumblers. The latest one recorded was August 31st. Rarely has the male Hummingbird been seen drinking.

Near the end of July, 1925, on account of illness, the sugared water had not been replenished for a few days, and had been getting very low. Miss Brown found on visiting the spot to replenish the glass that a female Hummingbird was in the bottom of the tumbler, thoroughly saturated with the sticky solution, and unable to move. It was motionless, the bill and head upright against the glass. The bird was taken out and laid on the railing. It could not fly, and soon rolled off on to the nasturtium bed below. It was then taken and lathed several times in warm water, till freed of all the syrup. When laid on the open band, and apparently perfectly still, one could feel the vibration of the wings throughout. The bird was laid on the table in the sun, covered with a wire strainer, and dried, and then it was taken out and released. After it had lain a while in the open palm, it suddenly flew vigorously away, and alighted on a perch of the near-by elm. This bird was not banded. We thought it had undergone enough excitement. To all appearance it was one of the two females that had been feeding all summer.

Of our two female Hummingbirds one has always hovered over the glass, and the other has alighted on the edge of the tumbler. Many friends have never seen a Hummingbird alight, and this has been an added pleasure.

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Banding Hummingbirds.—I banded my first Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) on August 3, 1924. It was caught in my hand inside the window. I have no trap suitable for taking this species, and nothing was further from my thought than being able to take them. Later several others were captured inside the house and banded, seven in all during 1924, the last one on August 28th. They were attracted by small pill-bottles hung outside the window, filled with a strong solution of sugar and water, covered with turkey red cloth. All seven were young birds with one exception. As a rule they remained very quiet in my hand while being banded, but one squeaked like a mouse. No T bands were used, but they were reduced in size by clipping, even to cutting away a portion of the figures.

This year (1925) early in July an adult female came inside the window, but I liberated it unbanded, as, for the moment, no suitable band was ready. On July 29th, August 14th, 14th, and 15th four others were banded, all immature. No returns have been taken, much to my regret.

It has been suggested that it would be quite easy to construct a suitable pull string trap for taking these birds, using flowers or my present artificial means of attracting them, by making a light frame of bamboo and lining it with cotton mosquito netting. The experiment is worth trying, although I doubt if it will prove successful. ELEANOR S. MORGAN, Asticou, Northeast Harbor, Maine.