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# News, Notes, Comments

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## An Update on Documented Occurrences of Rufous Hummingbirds in North Carolina (NABB 18:87-89)

Since my original paper on the Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) in North Carolina appeared in the *North American Bird Bander* (1993), several more birds have been documented and banded by this author in the winter months in North Carolina:

1993 - 19 September, south of New Bern; bird measured out to be HY-M.

1993 - 18 November, Oriental; bird measured out to be AHY-F.

\*1993 - 21 November, Bayboro; bird measured out to be AHY-F (pictures taken).

1993 - 23 November, Oriental; bird measured out to be AHY-M (pictures taken)

\*\*1994 - 1 January, Oriental; AHY-M at author's feeder (not banded; pictures taken)

1995 - 28 January, Bayboro; AHY-M at a friend's feeder (not banded; pictures taken)

\* Bayboro is 10 miles from my home in Oriental. The bird was netted in a friend's back yard, which is planted with flowers which are visited frequently by hummingbirds. The yard is within 200 feet of a busy intersection.

\*\* The temperature dropped to 7°F on the 16th and stayed below freezing through the 31st. Feeders were changed during the day to keep the liquid flowing and early each morning fresh liquid was put out. The bird disappeared on the 18th, likely not surviving the bitter cold snap. A neighbor found a dead male AHY Rufous under her deck on the 20th. Since the Rufous seen on the 1st was not banded, we can only speculate that it was the one at our feeder. No other Rufous appeared at our or our neighbor's feeder the rest of the winter.

Unfortunately, unverified sightings in the state are still being published in some bird club newsletters, which does not contribute toward helping to establish movement of this species into North Carolina. However, all *verified* sightings should be reported.

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## Field Biologist Interns Needed

Many field biologist interns are needed to operate constant-effort mist netting, banding, and point-counting (MAPS) stations next summer in Washington, Montana, Oregon, California, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. Internships run **April 20 - August 18** or **May 1 - August 28**, depending on location.

Applicants should have some birding experience; internships include an intensive, two-week training course in the above-mentioned monitoring techniques. Applicants with good field vehicles are especially needed. Stipend of \$425 to \$600/month (depending on location) and housing provided.

For further information and application materials, interested persons should contact **Eric Feuss, The Institute for Bird Populations**, P.O. Box 1346, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 (415-663-1436; FAX 415-663-9482).

**Please pass this announcement on to anyone who might be interested in such a position.**

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### Please Note:

The following three pages are for those who plan to attend the joint **EBBA-IBBA meeting 12-14 April 1996 at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel, Maryland**. The pages are tear out and are to be used to register for the meeting.

**Since the next issue of NABB will be published too late for registration, please keep and use the three following pages.**