

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE  
2469 Hammertown Road  
Narvon, PA 17555

September 25, 1997

Art Kennell  
Warbler Woods  
2332 Bullfrog Road  
Fairfield, PA 17320-9311

Dear Art,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Rufous Hummingbird you saw on Mountain Road, Adams County on 15 September 1996 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The photograph submitted clearly shows a female/immature Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird. In all probability, this bird was a Rufous Hummingbird, but female/immature Rufous/Allen's Hummingbirds are very difficult if not impossible to identify in the field without in hand measurements. A small number of Allen's Hummingbirds have been documented in the southeast and gulf states and though extremely rare it is a possibility. The committee would rather err on the side of caution than to accept this type of record without in hand documentation.

This of course, does not mean the bird was not a Rufous Hummingbird, merely, that the record is not beyond reasonable doubt for acceptance

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella  
Chairman

Record # 495-04-1996

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)

Date of Sighting: 15 September 1996 to 15 September 1996

Location: MOUNTAIN RD

County: ADAMS

Observer(s): Art Kennell

Date of Submission: 1996

Submitted by: Art Kennell

Written Description: NO

Photo: YES

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas			X					
N. Pulcinella				X				
E. Kwater				X				
R. Ickes				X				
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe				X				
S. Feldstein				X				
TOTALS			1	6				
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Rufous/Allen's

Signature (Secretary):

F. Haas

Date:

8-16-97