





UNUSUAL SIGHTING DOCUMENTATION

**Species (common & scientific):** Rufous Hummingbird (*Salasphorus Rufus*)

**Number of Individuals:** 1      **Sex(es):** female  
**Age(s) & Plumage(s):** Adult

**Date Seen:** 12/9/04      **Time:** Approx. 1PM  
**Where Seen (Town/County):** Bristol, Bucks Co.  
**Exact Location (Park, Road, Lake):** 350 Lafayette St.

**Observer Reporting:**

**Name:** August Mirabella  
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North Wales, PA 19454  
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**Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you):**

Nick Pulcinella ID'd the bird later on 12/11 after trapping it.

**Distance to Bird:** as close as four feet

**Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you):** cloudy

**Optical Equipment Used:** 7X42 Zeiss Bins & Leica 77APO w/20-60X Zoom

**Habitat:** Using feeder in postage stamp yard of rowhouse. Barren landscape of rowhouses.

**Description (only what you observed; size relative to other species present; posture, body shape & proportions; colors & patterns of plumage:** Since Nick ID'd the bird, I will make this short. I am submitting this just to go along with my video. Very close to Sibley's picture of female Rufous & Allen's. More rufous in face than Sibley's. The bird arrived sometime in late Oct. or early Nov. Homeowner didn't know the date and didn't report the bird until early Dec. It was not seen after 12/19 before the single digit temperatures that night. It probably died as it had low fat according to Nick.

**Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing):** Using feeder and sitting in nearby bush. Once sat high up in a deciduous tree.

**Vocalizations:** None

**Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report):** My video is being submitted with this documentation.

**Separation from Similar Species (How you eliminated others):** Couldn't but Nick did.

**Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it):**

**Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species:** Have seen many times.

**Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not):** Yes, because it was banded by Nick Pulcinella and positively ID'd.

**References:**

During Observation: None

After Observation: Sibley's; my video

**Date of report:** 12/27/04

**Signature of Observer:** August Mirabella



## **Rufous Hummingbird**

Bristol Bucks County, PA

12/10/2005

I was able to trap and band the Rufous Hummingbird that had been coming to a feeder in Bristol, Bucks Co. for several weeks.

The bird was an immature female determined by in-hand measurements.

Wing chord: 44

Tail length: 27.2

Exposed culmen: 18.2 w/60% grooving (present only in young birds)

Width of r5: 4

Shape of r2: was notched

Separation from Allen's was done by measurements and shape of r5 and r2. In Allen's r5 would be narrow with a narrow white tip, r2 would not be notched but would have a rounder shape.

The bird was released and apparently remained in the area for several days.

I have enclosed a few digital images that are small but may be diagnostic. The images do show the general color pattern of an immature female Rufous Hummingbird.

Nick Pulcinella  
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## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus)

Date of Sighting: 9 December 2004 to 19 December 2005

Location: BRISTOL

County : BUCKS

Observer(s): Linda Rowan, August Mirabella, Nick Pulcinella, Devich Farbotnik

Date of Submission: 2004, 2005

Submitted by: August Mirabella, Nick Pulcinella, Devich Farbotnik

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

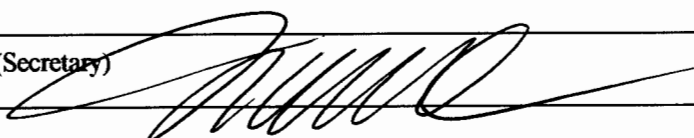
Specimen: No

Recording: Video

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
<del>D. Heathcote</del> <i>Overnote</i>	X							
P. Guris	X			<del>✗</del>				
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
<del>R. Leberman</del> <i>Heller</i>	X							
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS	5		1					
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

8/17/06