





***Selasphorus* sp. Hummingbird**

**South Connellsville, Fayette County, PA / January 10, 2004**

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I'm submitting a short video I took of a possible Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*), that was coming to a feeder in Fayette County.

The bird was discovered by the homeowner, Joanna Adams October 21, 2003. She did not report the bird to the general birding community until January, 2004. She did have contact with Scott Weidensaul who was interested in examining and banding the bird, however communication difficulties made that somewhat impossible.

After a bit of difficulty, we made arrangements to visit the site to observe and document the bird. The homeowner seemed cautious about letting strangers visit.

We observed the bird as it made frequent, but brief visits to the feeder. In the video, you can see a light bulb the homeowner suspended near the feeder to prevent the sugar water from freezing. The setup made photography difficult due to the lighting conditions.

The bird would visit the feeder and retire to nearby yews or spruce trees, probably because they provided the best shelter available. Although it was a sunny day on January 10, temperatures were below freezing on that day and the previous two days.

We had one opportunity to observe the bird perched on the ground as it flew across the road and landed for a few minutes. Other observations were made while the bird was in flight. Admittedly, details were difficult to see, so a limited written description follows.

- The crown and back were metallic green with some rufous in the back. Bill black, moderate length for a hummingbird, not strongly curved.
- A few spots of reddish gorget feathers were visible on the bird's throat with a large spot in the center of the throat.
- The sides and upper breast were white but washed with a light to moderate rufous color. The belly was white. Details of the tail were not visible.

We thought this was probably a first year male Rufous Hummingbird however that could not be determined by observing the bird as we did, so I am submitting it as a *Selasphorus* species.

Other observers present: Geoff Malosh, Mark Vass, Joyce Hoffmann, and Dave Wilton.

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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation – Round One**

Species: *Selasphorus species* (Selasphorus species)

Date of Sighting: 21 October 2003 to 17 January 2004

Location: SOUTH CONNELSVILLE

County : FAYETTE

Observer(s): Mike Fialkovich, Geoff Malosh mobs

Date of Submission: 2004

Submitted by: Mike Fialkovich, Geoff Malosh

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

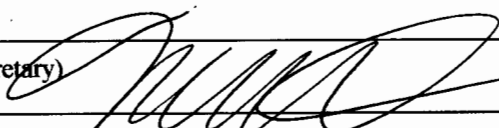
Recording: Yes

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R. Wiltraut			X					
D. Heathcote	X							
P. Guris								X
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman		X						
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	4	1	1					1
DECISION	X							

Comments:

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Date:

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