

of Metairie, Louisiana. She measured the width of the tail feathers with a digital caliper and found rectrix No. 1 (the middle tail feather) to be 7.46mm and No. 5 (the outer tail feather) to be 2.46mm, both of which are within the range of *S. sasin* although No. 1 only slightly so. She noted that the wing chord and culmen length could fit either *S. sasin* or *S. rufus*. She also said, "The presence of bright rust color on the bird's face, behind the eyes, is a good clue as that character is so often noted on young Allen's Hummingbirds." She left the acceptance of the identification up to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee. After examining the evidence the committee accepted the record 6-0 on 26 July 1998. This is a first-state record for Illinois.

On 17 November Dennis Oehmke photographed the hummingbird at the feeders and obtained a fine series of photographs, (both his and M. Deaton's photos are on file at the Illinois State Museum).

After release, the hummingbird stayed at the Stamns until 19 November 1997 and was last seen around 0730. Although the bird was present for six weeks, fewer than 12 observers saw this rare hummingbird.

This Allen's Hummingbird was probably of the migratory race *S. sasin sasin* since the wing chord was less than 40 mm and the bill (on which I could not detect any corrugations) was less than 17 mm. *S. sasin sedentarius*, the other subspecies, is larger in both of these features (Stiles, 1972). The Allen's Hummingbird breeds along the Pacific coast from southwestern Oregon to Ventura County, California. It winters mostly in Central Mexico (AOU Checklist, 1998). Observations in eastern North America have increased recently with records at least from Kansas, Massachusetts, Virginia, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. Most, if not all, records are for fall and winter.

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Addendum

Records of *Selasphorus* in Illinois: Immature female (probably Rufous): IL Macoupin County, Virden. August - 24 November 1986 (photograph at ISM). Immature female (Rufous/Allen's?): IL McDonough County, three miles west of Macomb. 29 August - 7 September 1988 (photograph at ISM). Immature male Rufous Hummingbird: IL Cook County, Olympia Fields. 14 October - 12 November 1993. (specimen at Field Museum of Natural History). Immature female Rufous Hummingbird: IL, Jackson County, Murphysboro. 28 October 1992 - 15 January 1993. (tail feather ISM # 660519). Adult female Rufous Hummingbird: IL, Champaign County, Urbana. 6 - 25 October 1996 (tail feather ISM # 660431). Adult male

Rufous Hummingbird: IL, Madison County, Edwardsville. 7 November 1997 - 10 January 1998 (photograph at ISM). Adult male Rufous Hummingbird: IL, Sangamon County, west side of Springfield. 7 November - 21 December 1998 (photograph at ISM). Adult female Rufous Hummingbird: IL, Sangamon County, Lake Springfield. 23 November 1998, (specimen ISM # 660520).

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