

Hummingbird Feeder Volunteers needed for fall migration:

Description of duties in Hugh Ramsey Nature Park:

Location 1: As you pull into Hugh Ramsey and are looking at the Kiskadee Sign, go left down the shaded trail. Not 10 yards in on your right, next to the water feature are shepherd's hooks and feeders.

Location 2: the bird blind and feeding station from the middle of the parking lot has shepherd's hooks and feeders. This is the main feeder station.

Location 3: Hummingbird Garden at the end of the sidewalk and southeast corner of the parking lot. There are an additional 2 shepherd's hooks here.

We have had visiting bander Kelly Bryan come down and have captured numerous Buff-bellies and Ruby-throats here. I am hoping with increased coverage and support of the feeders, we can really amp up our impact at the park over time. Ideally, I would love to have a regular day of the month where we do banding at the park. This would require consistent management of the feeders however.

Feeder management is simple: clean out and refill food every 2-4 days. Make sure to clean out every part of the feeder, especially the feeder holes. You don't have to put much feed in the feeders unless it is regularly being emptied. Then we can increase how much we put in. I would start with filling each feeder only a quarter of the way. Use a very watered-down bleach solution (only a couple drops) for cleaning. Make sure to get in all the nooks and crannies to prevent mold.

Call Ruben Arteaga to volunteer to clean and fill feeders one day a week. 956-203-9780.

Tony Henehan September 15, 2019

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