



HMN Monitoring Summary

Session 8: 3 – 9 May 2018

Regional Summaries

ARIZONA

It was a slow session for Harshaw Creek and Montezuma Castle. Fort Huachuca and Paradise captured a similar number of birds and 4 species each. There were many visitors on hand for a good morning at the Southwestern Research Station.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

A second station on the coast, Widgeon Marsh, has started reporting. It is in the Lower Mainland and like the south island, is experiencing a slow start to the season. This site is always about 3 weeks later than the south island and so we hope that the rufous will arrive by the next monitoring session. One of the interior stations, Lumby, started as well. They are usually a month and a half behind the south island, but they also noted a late return. Interestingly, some of the south island birds were still laying eggs at this session. This is extremely late for a first clutch in this area.

MONTANA

A slow, cold morning at the floodplain site, but two Calliope's returned from last year.

UTAH

Black-chinned were the catch of the day for both Tonaquint and Escalante this session.



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TABLE 1. Summary of captured or visiting hummingbirds and trapping information for the monitoring session on May 3-9, 2018. An asterisk (*) indicates a returning bird was previously banded under a different BBL master permit.

Location	Hummingbird Data					Trap Data			
	Number of Species Captured	Number of Species Observed Not Captured	Total Individuals Captured	Number of Individuals Captured >1	Number of Returning Individuals	Trap Total	Number of Trap Checkers	Number of Trap Counts	Total Minutes in Trap Counts
Arizona									
FH	4	0	23	1	5	18	8	0	0:00
HC	1	2	1	0	1	2	26	0	0:00
MOCA	2	0	9	0	2	55	63	0	0:00
PA	4	1	19	1	6	11	35	0	0:00
SWRS	3	0	40	9	14	41	160	1	0:13
British Columbia									
FK	1	1	27	0	1	21	542	0	0:00
LU	2	0	17	2	2	12	53	8	0:46
WM	1	0	6	0	2	4	21	0	0:00
Montana									
MPGF	1	0	5	2	2	4	2	0	0:00
Utah									
ESC	1	0	18	3	7	19	21	0	0:00
TQ	1	1	22	1	3	4	37	0	0:00



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TABLE 2. Number of individuals of each species captured on May 3-9, 2018. An asterisk (*) indicates a species observed but not captured.

Location	UN	AL	AN	BB	BC	BE	BL	BT	CA	CO	LU	RI	RT	RU	VC	WE	Total
Arizona																	
FH			4	6	10			3									23
HC			*	1	*												1
MOCA			1		8												9
PA			1	*	13			2				3					6
SWRS					27		4	*				9					40
British Columbia																	
FK			*											27			27
LU									9					8			17
WM														6			6
Montana																	
MPGF									5								5
Utah																	
ESC					18												18
TQ			*		22												22



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ARIZONA

Date: 5/4/2018

Location: HARSHAW CREEK, PATAGONIA MOUNTAINS

Banding Team: LEE ROGERS

Assistants: Karina Hilliard

Time: 5:50 – 10:50 AM

Number of Visitors: 0

Session Remarks: One bird captured makes for a very long 5 hours. With many penstemon and lobelia in the yard and ocotillo on the hillside we think the birds are dispersed across the landscape. Since the early 90's, low numbers of birds using the feeders has been typical.

Date: 5/6/2018

Location: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, FORT HUACHUCA

Banding Team: LAURA DAVIS

Assistants: Laura Clawson, Risa Dickson-Crawford, and Dave Wood

Time: 5:21 – 10:21 AM

Number of Visitors: 5

Session Remarks: We had a nice morning – 4 species, 23 hummingbirds: Anna's (4), Broad-billed (6), Black-chinned (10), and Broad-tailed (3). Five (22%) hummingbirds were recaptures. One recaptured hummingbird, a Black-chinned male banded on 4/7/2013 as an adult, returned seven times during the morning. Females out-numbered males 14 to 9. Only five of the female hummingbirds were observed to be in breeding condition. Pollen was observed on four birds. Many thanks to the Fort's Environmental and Natural Resources Division for supporting our program and to the Public Affairs Office for posting information on the Fort Huachuca Facebook page.

Date: 5/6/2018

Location: AMNH SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCH STATION, CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAINS

Banding Team: LEE ROGERS AND MICHELE LANAN

Assistants: Colorado College Ornithology Class

Time: 5:41– 10:41 AM

Number of Visitors: 33

Session Remarks: A fun session with lots of interested visitors, including a Japanese film crew documenting the Black-chinned / Cooper's hawk nesting interactions with Dr. Harold Greeney. Greatly appreciate all the enthusiastic help from Colorado College students.



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Location: THE GEORGE WALKER HOUSE, PARADISE, CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAINS

Banding Team: LEE ROGERS

Assistants: Jackie Lewis

Time: 5:40 – 10:40 AM

Number of Visitors: 6

Session Remarks: We had a clear and quiet day. Clouds moved in during the last hour. An Anna's female was a surprise bird today. She was originally banded 9/17 as an adult here in Paradise. Three breeding females – one with a CP of 9. She didn't come back for us to weigh her after laying her egg. White, purple and yellow pollen were all represented. The birds are enjoying the penstemon and salvia that are blooming in the yard.

Date: 5/3/2017

Location: MONTEZUMA CASTLE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Banding Team: TINA GREENAWALT

Assistants: Wade Gurley, Shannon Finnerty, Carol Wentzel, Andrew Dang, and Karen Puig

Time: 6:00 – 11:00 AM

Number of Visitors: 0

Session Remarks: We had a fairly slow morning for this time of year. Unfortunately when we arrived at the site all of the feeders were empty. This probably contributed to the lack of birds. We saw our first signs of breeding, which was exciting. We also had a nice male ANHU to end the session.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Date: 5/5/2017

Location: FRANCIS KING REGIONAL PARK, VICTORIA

Banding Team: CHRISTINA LAM AND ALISON MORAN

Assistants: Julie Howe, Brian Ross, Kristin Lynn, Jennifer Van Der Lee, James McAllister, Sharon Zubrinich

Time: 6:15 – 11:15 AM

Number of Visitors: 0

Session Remarks: Many ANHU observed but none captured or banded. One emaciated, very stressed, poor conditioned female RUHU caught. She had a broken R leg at the hock and was released without banding. Reduced trap numbers due to competition from flowering plants (especially the lilac beside Trap 2).



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Location: WIDGEON MARSH REGIONAL PARK RESERVE, COQUITLAM

Banding Team: ANA MENDES

Assistants: Janelle Vanderbeek, Linda Saunders, Megan Scott, and Roy WK Teo

Time: 5:53 – 10:53 AM

Number of Visitors: 0

Session Remarks: It's been another cool, wet spring in the South Coast of British Columbia. The first rufous hummingbirds arrived ~2.5 weeks late this year (*i.e.* 3rd week of March). The number of migrants that came in with the initial wave was quite low, and many of these individuals have since migrated further north. As a result, rufous hummingbird abundance in the Lower Mainland of BC has really dropped off since mid-April. The results from our first monitoring session are definitely lower than normal. It'll be interesting to see if hummingbird activity picks up over the next couple of weeks.

Date: 5/6/2017

Location: LUMBY

Banding Team: GAIL LOUGHRIDGE, SUSAN LATIMER, AND LAURA MACPHERSON

Assistants: Karen Siemens, Kent MacFarlane, Marnie Williamson

Time: 6:30 – 11:30 AM

Number of Visitors: 1

Session Remarks: This was the first banding of the season and team members noted that the birds arrived a bit late this year. The bird count at the traps was 65 which was down from 114 on the same weekend in 2017. Of the 17 birds that were captured, we banded 15 adults - 9 Calliope (5 male, 4 female) and 8 Rufous (3 male, 5 female) with 2 that escaped or were released. We also had 2 recaptured CAHU adults (1 male – banded July 3, 2017, 1 female – banded June 18, 2016).

MONTANA

Date: 5/3/2017

Location: MPG RANCH - FLOODPLAIN

Banding Team: ERIC RASMUSSEN

Assistants: Susan Nelson and Kathy Mehring

Time: 7:02 AM – 12:02 PM

Number of Visitors: 1

Session Remarks: A pleasant spring morning. We delayed our start by about 20 minutes because of cold temperatures, though there were some birds at the feeders. Happy to see two returning Calliope females from 2017—one of them was from our higher montane site. Not much fat on any of the birds and females not showing much sign of eggs yet. We were not able to band at our higher montane site this session due to snow lingering and unpassable roads. Expecting to band there next session, though.



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UTAH

Date: 5/8/2017

Location: ESCALANTE INTERAGENCY VISITOR CENTER

Banding Team: TERRY TOLBERT AND LISA YOUNG

Assistants: Frank Venuti

Time: 6:22 – 11:22 AM

Number of Visitors: 6

Session Remarks: First session of the year! 17 males and one female black-chinned.

Date: 5/9/2017

Location: TONAQUINT PARK, ST. GEORGE

Banding Team: TERRY TOLBERT AND SHAYLA BASILE

Assistants: Lisa Young, Frank Venuti, and Kylea Christensen

Time: 6:42 – 11:42 AM

Number of Visitors: 6

Session Remarks: This session was not as busy as the previous one and I am interested to see how many hummingbirds there will be next time. There were 2 female hummingbirds with their eggs right at the cloaca and I felt it was best to let them go because I didn't want them to lay their egg on the table.