

Ruby-throated Hummingbird is Kansas's only widespread breeder — arriving statewide in late April and building through summer to the state's peak in early September, then leaving fast, mostly gone by mid-October. Wichita and Kansas City start and end their season within about a week of each other, but the middle of the summer looks nothing alike: Wichita's numbers genuinely dip into the single digits in June and July while Kansas City holds steady in the high teens the whole time. The far southwest is a different story again — Morton County gets a real spring wave of **Black-chinned** instead, and Garden City's Ruby-throateds are a late-summer passage only, arriving in late August rather than April.

Feeders up statewide by mid-April, a couple weeks ahead of the first scouts in late April — and worth leaving up into October, since Wichita and Kansas City both keep reporting Ruby-throated well past Labor Day.

SPRING *Mar – May* — quiet, then scouts in late April.

What to do Check last year's feeder for cracks and worn ports before late April. **AspenPerch®** has a built-in ant moat and Polyperch® comfort perch.

MARCH

–No hummingbirds reported yet.

APRIL

–First scouts arrive the last week, statewide.

MAY

–Rapid buildup east; Morton County's **Black-chinned** wave starts too.

SUMMER *Jun – Aug* — a real east-west split — Wichita dips, Kansas City doesn't.

What to do Nesting females need calcium. **Pop's Nectar** is sized for the long haul.

JUNE

–Wichita dips to single digits; Kansas City holds in the high teens.

JULY

–Wichita stays low; Kansas City keeps climbing.

AUGUST

–The statewide climb begins — Garden City's brief fall passage starts late this month.

FALL *Sep – Nov* — the peak, then a fast exit.

What to do September: be generous, not economical — birds are fueling up. October: sow **Perfect Little Sanctuary®** wildflower seed now.

SEPTEMBER

–The state's peak, above 23% — then a sharp decline.

OCTOBER

–Most of the state quiet by mid-month.

NOVEMBER

–Truly quiet statewide.

WINTER *Dec – Feb* — genuinely quiet — nothing to see here until spring.

What to do No hummingbirds recorded anywhere in the state during winter. Feeders can safely come down for the season — clean and store yours now so it's ready to go back up when scouts return in late April.

