

SPECIES YOU'LL SEE

Ruby-throated

Michigan's only breeding species — the sole native hummingbird east of the Rockies

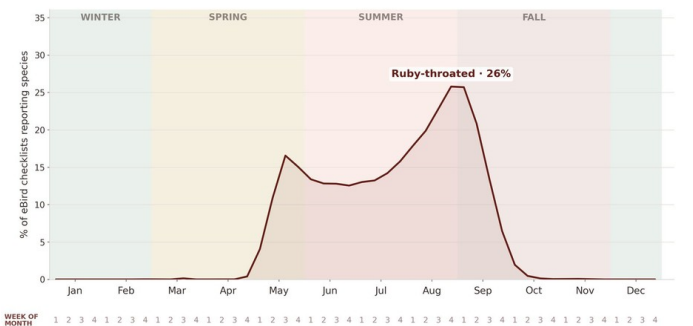
BREEDER

Also on Michigan's official checklist (*Casual/Accidental, per Michigan Bird Records Committee*): Black-chinned, Anna's, Costa's, Broad-billed, White-eared, and Berylline Hummingbirds, plus Mexican Violetear. An Anna's was confirmed in Arcadia, Manistee County, in January 2025.

WINTER HUMMINGBIRDS

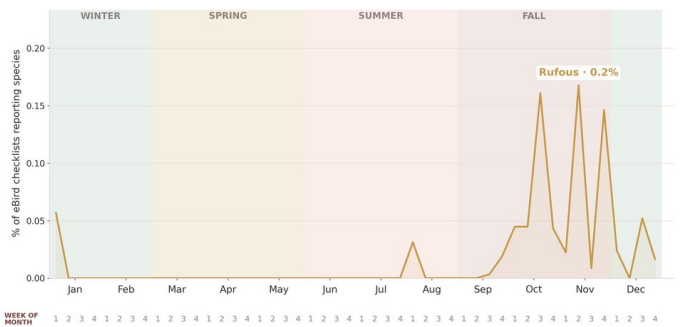
Rufous Hummingbird is Michigan's regular fall wanderer — the state records committee no longer reviews reports because it turns up in small numbers most years, mostly October–November, occasionally lingering into December.

MICHIGAN'S HUMMINGBIRD SEASON, STATEWIDE



Source: eBird bar chart data (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), 2016–2025 (pulled Aug 2026)

MICHIGAN'S WINTER VISITORS, STATEWIDE



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MIGRATION WINDOW

REGION	FIRST ARRIVALS	RELIABLY COMMON BY
Statewide	Late April	Mid-May
Wayne (Detroit)	Late April	Mid-May
Kent (Grand Rapids)	Late April	Mid-May
Grand Traverse (Traverse City)	Early May	Mid-May
Marquette (Upper Peninsula)	Early May	Mid-May

Fall departure runs late September–early October statewide, with stragglers into November. “Reliably common” = first week reports reach 25% of that region's own seasonal peak.

TOP NATIVE PLANTS

- Statewide
- Cardinal flower
- Bee balm
- Columbine
- Jewelweed
- Trumpet honeysuckle

PERFECT LITTLE SANCTUARY® — TOP MICHIGAN PERFORMERS

- ✓ Purple Coneflower — native, long summer–fall bloomer
- ✓ Black-Eyed Susan — native, reliable and low-maintenance
- ✓ Lance-Leaved Coreopsis — native, drought tolerant once established
- ✓ White Yarrow — native, extremely cold-hardy
- ✓ Perennial Lupine — confirmed native to Michigan

Best planting window: **October**, timed to spring migration. 9 of the blend's 12 varieties need cold, moist stratification, so fall sowing works best. In the Upper Peninsula, plant early in the window or hold off until spring.

RECORDS & RESOURCES

- Vagrant recordsMichigan Bird Records Committee, [mibirdrecords.com](#)
- Found a grounded bird?MI DNR Wildlife Rehabilitator Search
- Local birding groupsFind your chapter at [audubon.org](#)

Hummingbirds are protected under federal and Michigan state law — only a licensed wildlife rehabilitator may legally care for an injured or grounded bird.

Full guide: [popsbirding.com/blogs/hummingbird-guide-by-state/how-to-attract-hummingbirds-in-michigan](#)

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