

Missouri's Ruby-throated Hummingbird arrives across the whole state in almost the same week — then Boone County keeps a documented winter visitor going long after the rest of the state has gone quiet.

Missouri standout: arrival is synchronized statewide — the real split is departure, where Boone County's stragglers push **Ruby-throated** into December.

SPRING *Mar – May* — Ruby-throated's real arrival, together statewide, not staggered.

What to do: the whole state's wave lands the same week, so there's no advantage to waiting — have a feeder out by early-to-mid April. **AspenPerch®** →

MAR

– The true quiet month — both species at their lowest

APR

– **Ruby-throated** arrives statewide together, third week — little regional stagger

MAY

– Arrival completes statewide; territories settle in

SUMMER *Jun – Aug* — Nesting season, then the pre-migration fueling push begins.

What to do: keep pests off without pesticides — **AspenPerch®** →'s ant moat + **Hummguard™** → keep ants, bees & wasps out without costing the birds their insect-protein source.

JUN

– Nesting settles in statewide — a real mid-year dip in the data as females need calcium, not sugar alone (**Pop's Nectar** →)

JUL

– Deep summer heat; ants & bees compete for the same nectar hummingbirds need

AUG

– Pre-migration fueling nears the statewide peak; a few early **Rufous** wanderers fade out by mid-September

FALL *Sep – Nov* — The year's biggest push, then departure splits by region.

What to do: fuel migration with **Nectarlyte®** → or **Nectarade®** →, then sow **wildflower seed** →.

SEP

– Statewide peak — 45% of checklists, first week of the month, then a fast decline

OCT

– Most of the state empties out, Springfield first, Boone/St. Louis last; wildflower window opens

NOV

– Boone's handoff — stragglers keep it going while the rest of the state is quiet; **Rufous**'s build starts — add a 2nd feeder + **swings** →

WINTER *Dec – Feb* — Boone's Ruby-throateds continue; Rufous carries the rest of the state.

What to do: keep nectar fresh through cold snaps in Boone County or anywhere Rufous has shown up before. **Pop's Nectar** →

DEC

– Boone's documented **Ruby-throateds** continue; **Rufous** hits its strongest stretch statewide

JAN

– **Rufous**'s winter tail end continues; **Ruby-throated** entirely absent outside Boone

FEB

– Rufous still present in small numbers, approaching its lowest point of the year

