

Black-chinned and **Broad-tailed** are New Mexico's two real statewide breeders, both reliably common by May. **Rufous** and **Calliope** move through in real numbers each summer without nesting here. The far southwest corner — Hidalgo and Grant counties — runs its own separate calendar, with four more breeding species and a genuine winter **Anna's** presence found nowhere else in the state.

Feeders up by mid-March in Eddy County, by late March everywhere else. In the Bootheel and Grant County, leave one up into winter — real activity continues there into January.

SPRING *Mar – May* — Eddy County first, the rest of the state about two weeks behind.

What to do Check last year's feeder for cracked seals and worn ports before the first scout turns up. **AspenPerch®** has a built-in ant moat and Polyperch® comfort perch.

MARCH

–Eddy County arrives, last week; everywhere else still near zero.

APRIL

–Whole state on; Hidalgo's Lucifer and Broad-billed wake up too.

MAY

–**Black-chinned** plateaus near-peak (38%+); every county reliably common.

SUMMER *Jun – Aug* — nesting settles in, then the passage takes over.

What to do Nesting females need calcium; migrating birds need volume. **Pop's Nectar** carries calcium and electrolytes — step up to the 2lb **Nectarlyte®** for the August surge.

JUNE

–Nesting; **Rufous/Calliope** passage begins in the final week.

JULY

–**Black-chinned** peaks (40%); **Rufous/Calliope** climbing fast; **Broad-billed** peaks in Hidalgo.

AUGUST

–**Broad-tailed** and **Rufous** both peak; every main species active at once.

FALL *Sep – Nov* — a fast statewide exit, but the Bootheel runs later.

What to do October is planting month — sow the **Perfect Little Sanctuary®** wildflower blend now for the cold, moist winter native seed needs before spring bloom.

SEPTEMBER

–Statewide decline; Hidalgo peaks later, and for Calliope, bigger.

OCTOBER

–The fast exit; Grant & Hidalgo hold on two weeks longer.

NOVEMBER

–Statewide quiet; Grant County's **Anna's** builds toward its peak.

WINTER *Dec – Feb* — deep quiet everywhere except Grant County.

What to do One resident will guard a feeder and its swing as territory. A second **feeder** and a second **swing**, out of sight of each other, give the next bird its own station.

DECEMBER

–Deep quiet, except Grant County's **Anna's**, still 1–2%.

JANUARY

–Grant County's **Anna's** and Rivoli's hold real winter numbers.

FEBRUARY

–The quiet month everywhere, including Grant County.

