

New York is big enough that a single date is never quite right — Long Island and the Hudson Valley see their first birds nearly a week before Buffalo and Syracuse do, and keep them nearly a week longer too.

New York standout: the NYC Metro & Long Island season starts nearly a week before Buffalo & Syracuse — and ends about a week later too.

SPRING

Mar – May — Arrival and nesting season, spreading from downstate to Upstate.

What to do: nesting females need calcium nectar alone can't give — stock up on **Pop's Nectar** →.

MAR

– Still quiet statewide; first arrivals are about a month away

APR

– Feeders up: NYC Metro, Hudson Valley & Long Island (late Apr) — first **Ruby-throated** of spring

MAY

– Buffalo & Syracuse arrivals complete (~1 wk behind downstate); nesting begins statewide

SUMMER

Jun – Aug — Steady statewide breeding season, peaking at different times by region.

What to do: ants & bees arrive with the heat — **AspenPerch®** → + **Hummguard™** → keep both out.

JUN

– Stable statewide breeding season; quieter feeder activity is nesting, not birds leaving

JUL

– Nesting continues; 2nd broods possible in the longer downstate season

AUG

– Buffalo & Syracuse's busiest month of the year — NYC Metro/LI still building

FALL

Sep – Nov — Most of the state empties out by October — exactly when NY's real rarities show up.

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

SEP

– NYC Metro, Hudson Valley & Long Island's own busiest month, ~2–3 wks behind Upstate's Aug peak

OCT

– Buffalo, Syracuse & LI empty out early Oct; NYC Metro holds into late Oct; wildflower planting month

NOV

– NY's real rarity month: **Black-chinned**, **Broad-billed** & **Calliope** all peak — keep a feeder up

WINTER

Dec – Feb — Quiet almost everywhere, but a real chance at a wintering Rufous if a feeder's still up.

What to do: hosting a winter Rufous? Keep the feeder fresh with **Pop's Nectar** →.

DEC

– **Rufous** winter window continues statewide; **Allen's** a thinner possibility

JAN

– Quiet statewide; occasional lingering Rufous from the fall

FEB

– Still quiet; nothing regionally distinct yet — arrival is 2 months out

