

South Carolina runs on a real geographic split — Ruby-throated Hummingbird arrives statewide every April, but only along the coast, in Charleston and Beaufort, does it genuinely never leave at all.

South Carolina standout: the coast (Charleston, Beaufort) genuinely never loses its **Ruby-throateds** — real, confirmed year-round presence — while the rest of the state runs an ordinary April-to-October season.

SPRING *Mar – May* — Ruby-throated's real arrival, statewide, then a coastal exception begins.

What to do: have a feeder out statewide by the first week of April — the wave lands fast almost everywhere. **AspenPerch®** →

MAR

– Still quiet inland; coastal winter baseline continues

APR

– Real arrival, statewide, early April — coastal birds join the resident population instead of starting from zero

MAY

– Arrival completing 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 season statewide — steady climb continues toward the fall peak (**Pop's Nectar** →)

JUL

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

AUG

– Pre-migration fueling builds toward the statewide peak, right on schedule

FALL *Sep – Nov* — The year's biggest push, then the state splits in two.

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

SEP

– Statewide peak — 35% of checklists, first week of the month, then a fast decline

OCT

– Interior counties leaving fast, gone by late October; coast eases toward its winter baseline instead

NOV

– Ruby-throated gone inland; coast continues; **Rufous's** build starts — add a 2nd feeder + **swings** →

WINTER *Dec – Feb* — Inland is quiet; the coast and two real winter visitors carry the season.

What to do: keep nectar fresh through cold snaps — a real bird is counting on it, coastal Ruby-throated or wintering Rufous alike. **Pop's Nectar** →

DEC

– Coast's real winter **Ruby-throateds** continue; **Rufous** near its peak, **Black-chinned** alongside it

JAN

– Same split holds — no **Ruby-throated** inland, real presence on the coast

FEB

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

