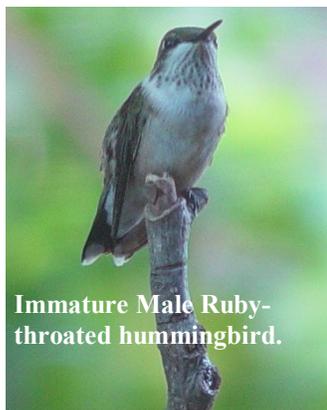
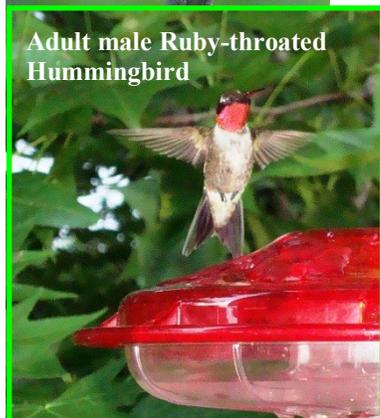


# Birds-I-View August 2012 Bird Update & News!

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Immature Male Ruby-throated hummingbird.



Adult male Ruby-throated Hummingbird



Adult male Rufous Hummingbird

Of course, Summer is far from over for *us*... However, many of our favorite feathered friends are already thinking "fall migration"! We have been receiving many reports of **Baltimore Orioles** visiting yards (nectar, jelly, live mealworms). We see five to six different orioles, ourselves, each morning while we are eating our breakfast. Even though there have been a few orioles coming to our home and to the BIV Bird Garden all summer, the quantity of Orioles NOW is much greater and the visits much more frequent. **SO**...if you have taken down your Oriole feeder, certainly put it back up. And this is a perfect time to purchase another oriole feeder -they are **20% OFF** at BIV now!

Speaking of migration, **hummingbirds** are SUPER busy at feeders and flowers now! Take a close look at them. You'll see adult males still (however they will migrate south first) and we are seeing lots of immature and females. Check out the young male hummer top left- the white tips on the tale tell us it is either a female or a young hummer, the deep "V" in the tail tells us it is probably a young male, and the speckles on the throat area also suggest a young male.

What hummers are you seeing at your feeder? **Remember:** Do not feel compelled to take your feeder down to make the hummers migrate! They migrate largely based on length of day and will know when to go. Last fall our last hummer report in town was Oct. 17th. Nearly EVERY year (Aug-March) we get documented reports of a **Rufous Hummingbird** (like the one pictured left) at humming-

bird feeders. The gorgeous copper color of the adult male makes for an easy ID. Call us if you see one! And check out our "other hummers" brochure on the **Educational Page** of our website.

**What other birds have been spotted lately?** Well folks are still seeing the **Brown Pelican** at Binder Lake, **Warbler** migration has started (a **Cerulean** reported on 8/7 and a **Black & White warbler** on 8/11). **Summer Tanagers**, **Gray Catbirds**, and even **Scarlet Tanagers** have been reported in increasing numbers. On the "Cardinals & Coffee" Bird Walk (hosted by the great folks at Runge Nature Center) we spotted a **PAIR of Blue Grosbeak** and a **Great-crested Flycatcher** among other great sightings. **In the BIV Bird Garden:** this month we have had seven **Turkeys!**, **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**, **Baltimore Orioles**, a few migrating **Purple Martins**, **Northern Flicker**, **Pileated Woodpecker**, gorgeous **American Goldfinch**, and we have **Eastern Kingbirds nesting** in the parking lot!

**BIV Educational Brochures to review this month:** "*Orioles: Spring & Summer*", "*Hummingbirds*" and "*Birds: Their First Year*".

Find them on our website: [www.birds-i-view.biz](http://www.birds-i-view.biz) or stop by the store soon!

*Steve & Regina Garr, Birds-I-View*



Adult male Baltimore Oriole

**Below: Indigo Buntings and a Blue Grosbeak (center) enjoy a snack of white millet and sunflower hearts. Can you find the female Cardinal in this picture?**



**Below:** A fledgling Eastern Bluebird knows where to find those wonderful mealworms his parents fed him, he's just not very proficient yet at landing on the feeder! He'll get the hang of it soon (mealworms are worth the effort).



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