

Hummingbirds at the sanctuary.

Besides those I banded, I retrapped 13 hummingbirds that had been banded by Mrs. Baumgartner. One of these, an adult female (United States Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] No. X35419) banded on 19 June 1986 was at least six years of age when it entered my trap on 26 July 1991. Another adult female banded by Baumgartner on 1 September 1978 (USFWS No. X20239) and finally retrapped on 11 June 1986 was one of only two Ruby-throats ever known to have attained the age of nine (USFWS Bird Band. Lab. Rept. JOBBBL 93-21-1065, 10 March, 1994).

On 12 July 1991, I banded an adult male Ruby-throated Hummingbird (USFWS No. T30777) at the sanctuary. Then, on 23 July 1994, I recaptured this same individual at my home in Grove, Oklahoma, approximately 20 miles away. While not an unexpected distance for a hummingbird to roam or a particularly unusual age for a male hummingbird to attain, actually encountering a banded individual of this age at a site this far removed from its original banding location three years later is, indeed, a rare and exciting event.—Ellie Womack, 1022 S. *Sycamore Drive, Grove, Oklahoma 74344, 5 August 1994.*

Leucistic Swainson's Thrush in Muskogee County, Oklahoma.—On 5 May 1992, at 0800, I was walking the nature trail in our bird sanctuary near Fort Gibson, Muskogee County, northeastern Oklahoma. This natural area covers six acres of typical Eastern forest trees underlain with dense shrubbery. I had already tallied 33 species of birds and was about to leave, when I glimpsed a light-colored bird in the brush near ground level. Even though I was having difficulty clearly seeing this bird, I could hear the distinct "drip" call of a Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) from its direction. When I was finally able to see the rather secretive bird, I was fascinated by its pale beige color and immaculate breast. Moreover, it was typically thrush-like in behavior, size and shape. It was a "leucistic" thrush, and judging from its call note, a Swainson's. Leucism (paleness) reflects dilution of normal pigmentation (Thomson, A.L., 1964, *A new dictionary of birds*, Thomas Nelson and Sons Ltd., London, p. 643). For three or four more minutes I watched it before it disappeared into the undergrowth. I did not see it again after that date.—Jeri A. McMahon, 311 Bayou Road, Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma 74434, 10 July 1992.

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