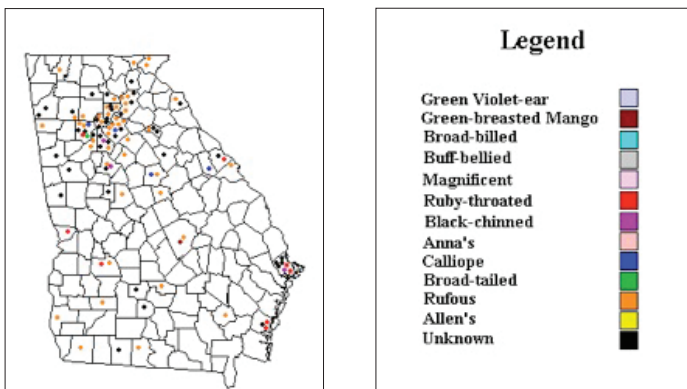


WINTER HUMMINGBIRDS 2007-2008

Master bander and hummingbird expert Rusty Trump created the map below showing the distribution of hummers in Georgia during winter 2007-2008, and also provided the data in each species account below.

“The 2007-2008 winter hummer season is now complete. We had 105 reports in 46 counties. While the numbers were a little lower than past seasons, it still was a pretty good year for winter hummingbirds. The highlight of this season has to be the first state record of the Green-breasted Mango that spent the whole winter in Dublin. Another first for Georgia was a returning female Broad-tailed Hummingbird in Mableton. The numbers of Calliopes in the state continue to be stronger than we first anticipated. The Calliope Hummingbird is becoming an expected species for Georgia every year.”

- Rusty Trump



GREEN-BREASTED MANGO - This incredibly rare visitor to North America (and first Georgia record) was first reported in fall 2007, and was seen fairly consistently visiting feeders at several residences in Dublin, Laurens Co., through the end of the season. The bird provided the state’s first CBC record, only the third in the U.S. and the first outside of Texas (accepted, GCRC 2008-04; AB:62; *photo* NAB Vol. 62, pg. 227).

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD - State-wide, there were a total of 8 reports of this species. The only hummingbird which breeds in Georgia, it is rare to uncommon in winter, and is usually found along the coast or in the lower Coastal Plain.