
Summary of Banding Reported from the IBBA Region for 2009

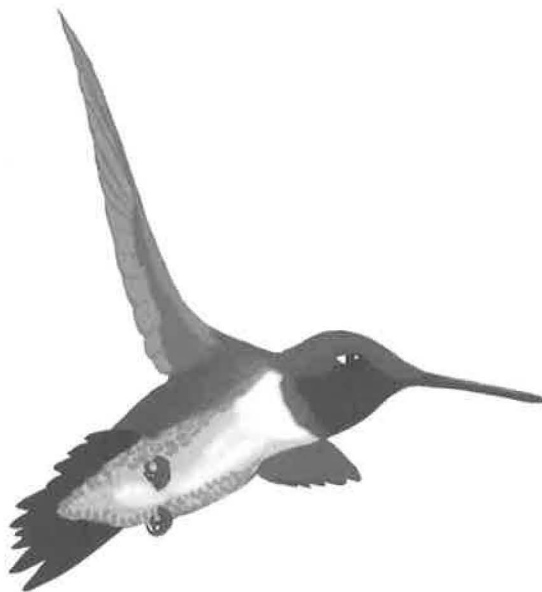
This is the eighth consecutive year of this report. Sixty-five banders reported banding 105,000 birds and 345 species/forms. Most states reported about the same or fewer numbers of birds banded except for Ohio, which had a small increase. Texas banders accounted for 35% of the banded birds with Ohio reporting 27% and Michigan/Minnesota/Wisconsin, 14%.

Doves are typically banded by state agencies by the tens of thousands and are not normally reported to IBBA as was the case this year. The Number One most reported species in 2009 was Ruby-throated Hummingbird with 12,887 individuals.

Hummers as a group represented 18% of all banded birds reported and has become a very common focus of banding efforts as more people become

trained. Black-chinned Hummingbird came in second with 4397 individuals. A modest finch invasion year helped the American Goldfinch be third with 6378. Fourth place was taken by White-throated Sparrow with 2816, fifth was Pine Siskin with 2498, sixth Northern Cardinal with 2414, seventh Gray Catbird with 2259, eighth Myrtle Warbler with 2230, ninth Chipping Sparrow with 2115, and tenth American White Pelican with 2068.

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Black-chinned Hummingbird
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