Second Documentation of Rufous Hummingbird in South Carolina

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A female Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus), was discovered at a residence on Terramont Avenue in Greenville, S.C., during mid-December 1985. Charlie Wooten and I saw it on 28 December 1985. The green back and rufous tail were easily visible from 1 m through a kitchen window. Between foraging bouts it perched on shrubs within 12-18 m of the feeder.

For documentation we captured the bird with a hummingbird feeder trap, measured, photographed and released it. Measurements were as follows: chord of wing, 47 mm; total length, 80 mm; bill, 22 mm. All documentation of the specimen, including a tail feather, are on deposit at the Charleston Museum (two Kodachrome slides: ChM 1987.52.1-1987.52.2; one black-and-white print: ChM 1987.52.3; a group of 16 undertail and uppertail coverts, and one rectrix: ChM 1987.52.4).

Fourth Documented Occurence of the Sprague's Pipit in South Carolina

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The Sprague's Pipit (Anthus spragueil), is a rare winter visitor to South Carolina, and has been documented by only three specimens (South Carolina Birdlife, 1970, pp 421, 620). Below we report the fourth instance of specimen/photographic documentation for the state.

At Huntington Beach State Park, Georgetown County, in the early afternoon of 29 November 1986 a group of birders led by J. Eades spotted a Sprague's Pipit in the grassy dunes between the two lagoons just south of the jetties. We were told of the bird, and R, Bieber was able to obtain two Fugichrome photographs using a 300 mm telephoto lens (ChM Nos. 1987.53.1, 1987,53.2). The photographs have been examined by W. Post and S.A. Gauthreaux, and our identification was confirmed. We thank Julie Findlayson for her help.