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Subject: Great Barrington Selasphorus

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Cc: Greg <gward@wardsnursery.com>

Hello -

Yesterday, 11/3/12, I captured and banded a bird that I am reporting as a hatching-year (HY) male Allen's Hummingbird. Given the rarity of this species in Massachusetts, after reviewing my photos and morphometric data I consulted with several expert hummingbird banders (details on request) with significant experience with the Selasphorus genus and they were unanimous in confirming the ID. I will attach some photos as well as my measurements for your review. The location is the Ward home at 29 Castle Hill Avenue in Great Barrington. I captured the bird at 11:10 a.m., temperature 50° and released it approximately 10 minutes later. The bird returned to the feeder not long after release on Saturday and was seen consistently today. The bird appeared in excellent health in my hands and was carrying a fat deposit of 2 (scale 0-3); mass was 3.8 grams.

I understand that the homeowners are willing to have visitors wishing to see the bird and I will make a brief announcement of this report on MASSBIRD.

Contact info for Mr. Ward is in the CC field above. I think this is the 2nd state record for this species but I'd be grateful if someone could confirm that for me.

Jeremiah - did you have previous photos of this bird that you could share with me?

Please contact me if MARC requires additional information or any of you have questions.

I'm extremely grateful for the privilege of banding this bird. I very much appreciate the hospitality extended to me by the Ward family and thank Jeremiah for notifying me about this bird.

Wing chord (unflattened):  39.60 mm

Tail length:                            25.00 mm

Exposed culmen:                  18.50 mm

r5 width:                                 2.24 mm

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