

HOUSE FINCH BREEDING IN AUBURN, ALABAMA

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House Finches, Carpodacus mexicanus, have been present on our feeders in Auburn in the winters of 1980 and 1981. One pair did not leave in 1981 but remained in Auburn, coming to our sunflower seed feeders throughout the spring and the summer.

At mid-summer, two fledged young appeared at the feeders with the adults and begged for food. They have subsequently appeared at the feeders so that we have seen the adults and young together a number of times.

We were not able to locate the nest but feel that the young appearing with the adults is adequate to confirm a breeding record.

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AUBURN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

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The Auburn Christmas Bird Count, 1981, was held on December 26, using the Auburn Post Office as the center of the area.

Weather was overcast with the clouds no more than 1,000 m most of the time. Temperature was about 44° F and wind was northerly 5-10 km/h.

One party of five walked about 2 km and drove 68 km. The count lasted 9 h, starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. The party was composed of: Julian L. Dusi (compiler), Rosemary D. Dusi, Gert Hoganboom, Lorne Malo, and Katrice Seemann.