

## Sisters had a warm month of May

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Sisters averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of May.

The average temperature was 52.3 degrees, which was 1.6 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 68.5 degrees, which was 2.1 degrees above normal.

The highest was 82 degrees on May 31. Low temperatures

averaged 36.2 degrees, which was 1.1 degrees above normal. The lowest was 25 degrees, on May 1.

There were nine days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.93 inches during May, which was 0.28 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — was received on 4 days with the heaviest, 0.55 inches reported on the 12th.

The highest wind gust was 35 mph, which occurred on May 15.

The outlook for June from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near-to-below-normal precipitation.

Normal highs for Sisters rise from 70.0 degrees at the start of June to 80.0 degrees at the end of June. Normal lows rise from 38.0 degrees to 42.0 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.86 inches.

## Sisters Country birds

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Rufous hummingbird (*Selasphorus Rufus*) is a fiery and often quarrelsome hummingbird that is the most common visitor to our nectar feeders. The brilliant orange gorget and rufous back flash in the sunlight as they move from blossom to blossom gleaning nectar and also are important pollinators within the plant communities. The rufous pollinates a number of plants that bees are unable to reach.

Weighing in at a little over

a penny, the rufous hummingbird feeds frequently, for it can lose up to 10 percent of its body weight overnight!

Males typically migrate earlier than females. In spring early arrival is important as they stake claim to the best breeding territories. The female rufous acts as a "single" parent as it handles all the rearing activities.

This photo was taken in Black Butte swamp, June 2014. To see more hummer photos, visit Douglas Beall's website: <http://abirdsings.com/> becauseithasasong.com/recent-journeys.



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Rufous hummingbird.

## Use caution with mushroom identification

A Sunriver family suffered mushroom poisoning last week after misidentifying mushrooms on private property in Sunriver.

On May 28, at about 4 p.m. deputies with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a mushroom poisoning. La Pine Fire Department also responded to the scene to assist.

An initial investigation at the scene determined several family members ingested

poisonous mushrooms after misidentifying them as edible on a phone app.

A 4-year-old, 14-year-old, and a 34-year-old woman were transported to SCMC, Bend via ground ambulance. A 15-year-old showed no symptoms of mushroom poisoning but was also transported to SCMC, Bend, for precautionary measures.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office recommends the public learn what the identifying features of

mushrooms are. Experts will help with your questions and recommend field guides and other resources. Collect and identify what you think is the same species repeatedly. Some mushrooms change appearance dramatically as they mature, or even in different seasons.

Use multiple field guides. One picture is not enough. Read the descriptions carefully, and when in doubt don't consume wild mushrooms.



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