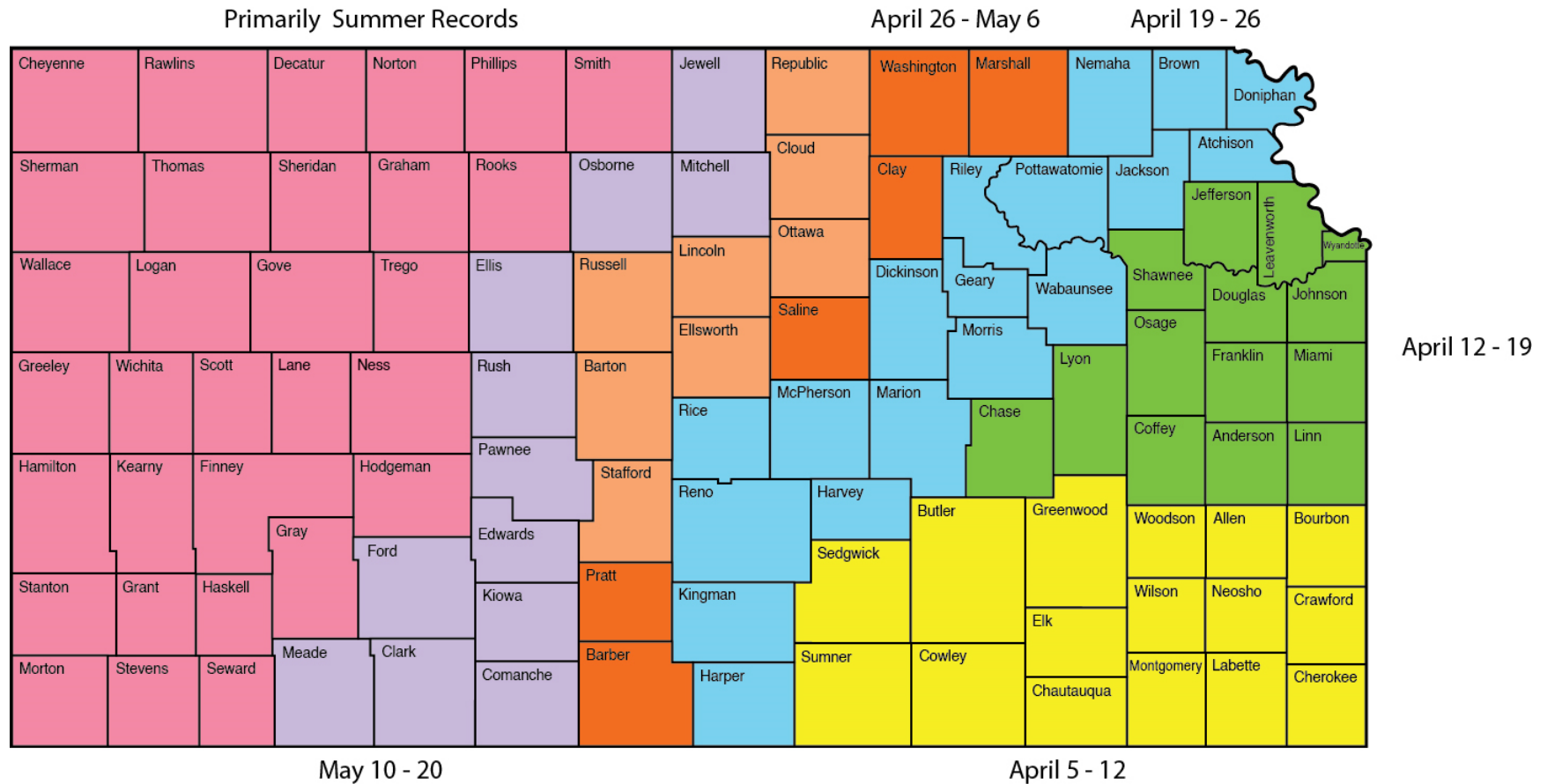


Expected Spring Return Dates for Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in Kansas

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Counties that are pinkish in color are outside the area where Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are expected to be seen in the spring. While spring records exist in some of these counties, they don't occur every year and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are more likely to be seen during southbound migration in July through September. Other counties, that are a pastel (lighter shade: lilac and light orange), are outside of the expected breeding range for Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in Kansas. The counties that are in the darker (full shade: yellow, green, blue and dark orange) colored counties, mainly eastern half of the state, are within the expected breeding range even though there are not confirmed breeding records for all of those counties. Follow the like colored counties to an edge of the map to see the expected spring return date. Plan to have a hummingbird feeder up a few days ahead of these dates.