Comparison of message queues for Ruby as of 2009-04-09

	Delayed::Job	Kestrel	Starling	Sparrow	beanstalkd	memcacheq	RabbitMQ	ActiveMQ
Pure Ruby	Υ	N (Java)	Υ	Υ	N (C)	N (C)	N (Erlang)	N (Java)
Trivial install	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Trivial usage	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N
Daemon included	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Standalone	N (Rails only)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Reserve	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ
Persistent queues	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ
Lightweight checks	N (DB polling)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
Memcache interface	N (custom)	Υ	Υ	Υ	N (custom)	Υ	N (AMQP)	N (Stomp)
Naive putsets/second	216	893	2902	1182	3702	315	703	434
Praises	Easy w/ Rails	Parallel?	Simple	Simple	Fast	???	Power	Reliable
Annoyances	Slow, Rails only	Build :(Pruning :(Buggy	No persist	Very slow	Complexity	Slowish
Recommended	For Rails	Maybe			No	No	For complex	For stability

Color key: Yes No No, caution