

# ATTRACTING HUMMINGBIRDS

The Ruby-Throated Hummingbird is the only species of hummingbird to nest here in the Eastern United States. It can be attracted to your garden by colorful swatches of its favorite nectar flowers. Hummingbirds prefer tubular or trumpet-shaped flowers in bright red or orange. By planting groups of these favorite flowers, you can attract these tiny colorful birds to your yard. To bring them closer to observe, you can hang out hummingbird feeders, which supply sugar water for nourishment. To really have success with the feeders, you first need the colorful flowers to attract them to your yard.

## Plants to Attract Hummingbirds

### Annuals

\*Fuchsia  
Impatiens  
Seedling Geraniums  
\*Scarlet Sage  
Morning Glory  
\*Flowering Tobacco  
Petunia  
Black-eyed Susan Vine  
\*New Guinea Impatiens  
Nasturtium  
Phlox  
Salvia

### Vines

Clematis  
\*Trumpet Vine  
Cardinal Climber

### Shrubs

Azalea  
Flowering Quince  
Weigelia

### Perennials

\*Honeysuckle  
Columbine  
Delphinium  
Carnation  
Daylilies  
Coral Bells  
Hibiscus  
\*Lilies  
\*Cardinal Flower  
\*Bee Balm  
Phlox  
Salvia  
Bellflower  
Dianthus  
Penstemon

\*Indicates favorite sources of nectar.

## Care of Hummingbird Feeders

Once you have hummingbirds coming to your feeder, a few simple steps will keep the tiny creatures coming back and healthy.

- Keep your feeder filled with a sugar solution. Make sure the solution is a sugar solution, not honey.
- Clean your feeders once a week and refill with fresh solution. Do not use any detergent. Vinegar may be used to help clean the feeder.
- Store any unused portion of fresh solution in the refrigerator.