

Attracting Hummingbirds



In general, the most appealing flowers for hummingbirds are trumpet-, funnel-, or tube-shaped and hold nectar at the blossom base. When you find hummingbirds visiting flowers that don't conform to those shapes, you can be sure that abundant nectar is the lure. Brightly colored flowers are best; red and orange are preferred, though blue and pink are also popular.

Its rapid wing beats and almost ceaseless animation require extraordinary energy: a hummingbird must constantly refuel. In a day, one bird may consume more than half its weight in sugar. Because hummingbirds feed from dawn to dusk, a garden full of their favorite flowers will attract and hold their attention. It is recommended to offer flowers at different height levels.

Annuals:

Canna
Cleome
Flowering Maple
Fuchsia
Gladiolas
Hibiscus
Impatiens
Lantana
Mexican Heather
Mini Trailing Petunia
Nasturtium
Nicotiana
Petunia
Phlox
Rosemary
Salvia splendens
Snapdragon
Zinnia
Cypress Vine
Morning Glory Vine
Thunbergia (Black Eyed Susan) Vine

Perennials:

Bee Balm (Monarda)
Butterfly Bush
Butterfly Weed
Columbine
Coneflower (Echinacea)
Coral Bells (Heuchera)
Daylily
Dianthus
Delphinium
Foxglove (Digitalis)
Hollyhock
Hosta
Iris
Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker)
Liatris
Lobelia cardinalis
Lupine
Lychnis
Nepeta (Catmint)
Penstemon
Phlox
Salvia
Yarrow (Achillea)
Zauschneria
Honeysuckle Vine
Trumpet Vine

Shrubs:

Currant
Honeysuckle
Lilac
Viburnum
Wiegilia

