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# Attracting Hummingbirds

*Hummingbirds are a welcome sight in the garden. Their brightly colored feathers have earned them the title flying jewels. Here is some information on bringing these brilliant birds to your garden.*

## Plant Selection

Hummingbirds are drawn to bright red, orange, and pink flowers. They associate these colors with nectar so strongly that a red piece of plastic will be enough to get their attention.

### Annuals

*Begonia* spp. (Begonia)  
*Cleome* spp. (Spider Flower)  
*Impatiens* spp. (Impatiens)  
*Nicotiana* spp. (Flowering Tobacco)  
*Pelargonium* spp. (Geranium)  
*Petunia* spp. (Petunia)  
*Salvia coccinea* (Scarlet Sage)  
*Zinnia* spp. (Zinnia)

### Perennials

*Aquilegia canadensis* (Columbine)  
*Asclepias tuberosa* (Butterfly Weed)  
*Delphinium* spp. (Larkspur)  
*Dianthus* spp. (Pinks)  
*Hemerocallis* spp. (Daylily)  
*Heuchera* spp. (Coral Bells)  
*Hibiscus moscheutos* (Rose Mallow)  
*Kniphofia* spp. (Poker Plant)  
*Lilium* spp. (Hardy Lily)  
*Lobelia cardinalis* (Cardinal Flower)  
*Lychnis chalcedonica* (Maltese Cross)  
*Lychnis coronaria* (Rose Campion)  
*Monarda didyma* (Bee Balm)  
*Nepeta* spp. (Catmint)  
*Phlox paniculata* (Garden Phlox)  
*Salvia* spp. (Sage)  
*Saponaria ocymoides* (Rock Soapwort)  
*Verbena canadensis* (Creeping Verbena)

### Vines

*Campsis* spp. (Trumpetvine)  
*Lablab purpureus* (Hyacinth Bean)  
*Lonicera sempervirens* (Honeysuckle)  
*Tropaeolum majus* (Nasturtium)

### Trees and Shrubs

*Aesculus pavia* (Red Buckeye)  
*Abelia* spp. (Abelia)  
*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* (Bearberry)  
*Buddleia davidii* (Butterfly Bush)  
*Camellia* spp. (Camellia)  
*Hibiscus syriacus* (Rose of Sharon)  
*Rhododendron maximum* (Rosebay Rhododendron)  
*Weigela florida* (Weigela)

### Feeders

Once a hummingbird finds your garden it will return as long as the nectar supply lasts. Since flowers have a limited period of nectar production, a hummingbird feeder ensures that a constant supply is available. A simple nectar substitute can be made by boiling a 4:1 water to sugar ratio for two minutes. Avoid using honey because it spoils quickly and can spread bacteria that are fatal to hummingbirds. Feeders should be cleaned regularly.