Expect them at the end of March and beggining of April

Types of Hummingbirds in North Carolina





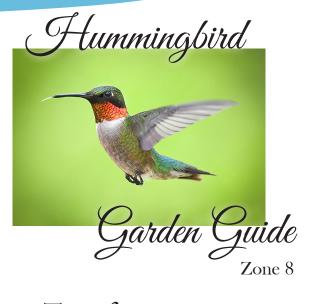
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Ruby-Throated
As the name suggest, these hummingbirds have ruby colored feathers in their throats.

Broad Tail

These birds prefer to live in places with higher elevations.

Because of the cold temperatures, they enter in a state of torpor to slow their metabolism.



Rufaus
These species are bright orange on the back and the belly.



*Grna's*Males like to make a dramatic dive to courtship the females.

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Calliope
This species is the tiniest
hummingbird in the United
States.

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Collen's

This species is very similar in appearance to the Rufous Hummingbirds. The difference lies in their narrow tails.

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Black-Chinned
These birds are dull metallic and grayish white. The males have purple metallic feathers.



Bread-Billed
One of the most colorful species of Hummingbirds showing bright colors of metallic blues and greens.



If you're an avid gardener you probably love the sight of a Hummingbird in your gar-

den. These tiny birds get their name from the sound they make when flapping their wings while flying. They are excellent flyers and pollinators. Even though, the majority of Hummingbirds are found in the tropics, at least 9 species out of the 360 have been spotted in North Carolina during their migration season; with the Ruby-throated being the most common.

The diet of these birds consists mainly of nectar but they also eat other insects and even spiders. The insects and spiders provide them with salts and other nutrients they can't get from the flowers. Additionally, Hummingbirds use the spiderwebs when making their nests.

Hummingbird Mectar Recipe

1/4 Cup of White Sugar 1 Cup of Water

Bring water to a boil. Once it starts boiling, turn off the heat. Add sugar and mix until dissolved. Let it cool before filling feeder. Remaining nectar can be stored in the fridge.

When planning a garden for Hummingbirds, besides colorful flowers, trees and shrubs are a most. These birds prefer areas that simulate forests and meadows. Providing them with a variety of plants not only for eating, but also for nesting, These combination will make it

more likely for them to visit your area every year.

Butterfly Bush

Full Sun
Height: 3-5'
Water: Daily
Well Drained Soil
Mulch
Perennial
Blooms: Mid-Summer to

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Drought Resistant

Chrona

Fall

Full Sun
Height: 3-4'
Water: Daily
Moisture Soil
Perennial
Blooms: Summer
Divide every 3-5 years

Bee Balm

Lobelia
Full Sun
Height: 24-36"
Feed once a moth
Water: Weekly
Perennial
Blooms: Summer









Petunia
Full Sun
Height: 12-15"
Water: 2-3 times
per week
Feed weekly
Annual
Blooms: Summer to

Cut back to avoid leggy appearance.

Hummingbirds are able to see colors near the ultraviolet spectrum, enabling them to see more colors than humans.