

# This Garden is for the Birds -- Hummingbirds!



Great little birds that cause wonder in whomever is watching.

Species of Hummingbirds in MN

The male Ruby-throated Hummingbird is the most colorful since it has a bright red splotch at its throat. Both the male and female ruby-throated hummingbirds have an emerald colored back, but the female lacks the red spot on its throat.

Variety of sunny and shady spot flowering plants favored by these zippy little birds. Often move to quickly to note the markings to determine what species.

Migratory time is great opportunity to put out feeders when plantings and gardens do not yet have suitable flowers for feeding. Best time to catch at feeders is in spring or fall during migration.

Below is a list of plants often referenced as attracting hummingbirds to your garden.

## Annuals

- Four-O-Clocks (*Mirabilis jalapa*)
- Fuchsia (*Fuchsia x hybrida*)
- Gladiola (*Gladiolus x hortulanus*)
- Impatiens (*Impatiens wallerana*)
- Morning Glory (*Ipomoea purpurea*)
- Nicotiana (*Nicotiana glauca*)
- Petunia (*Petunia x hybrida*)
- Pineapple Sage (*Salvia elegans*)
- Red Salvia (*Salvia splendens*)
- Scarlet Runner Bean (*Phaseolus coccineus*)
- Zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*)

## Perennials

- Ajuga
- Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*)
- Bergamot (*Monarda didyma*)
- Clematis (*Clematis sp.*)
- Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- Coral Bells (*Heuchera sanguinea*)
- Delphinium (*Delphinium x elatum*)
- Daylily (*Hemerocallis species*)

Hibiscus (*Hibiscus* species)  
Hollyhock (*Alcea rosea*)  
Hosta (*Hosta* species)  
Liatris (*Liatris spicata*)  
Lily (*Lilium* species)  
Lobelia/Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)  
Penstemon (*Penstemon barbatus*)  
Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*)  
Lupine (*Lupinus* hybrids)  
Trumpet Vine (*Campsis radicans*)  
Yucca (*Yucca filamentosa*)

**Shrubs**

Coralberry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)  
Lilac (*Syringa* species)  
Weigela (*Weigela florida*)

**Tree**

Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)

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