

# Gardening For Hummingbirds

The hummingbirds begin migrating by late March for the summer, so get feeders ready for those passing through to Northern climes before flowers bloom, and they will be ready for those that spend their summers in Ohio. They are a joy to watch: see if you can catch them perching at the end of a bare branch. If you sit still outdoors near the feeders wearing bright colors, hummers will often fly right up to you!

- Space plants in different areas so there is an abundance of “zones”; hummers can be territorial!
- Select nectar flowers of different colors; reds and oranges catch their eye, but they will feed from many flowers
- Provide a mixture of annuals and perennials to provide nectar all season long
- Plant flowers in the sun and near shrubs for perching and firs for sleeping
- Provide a shallow source of water or a mister

## Nectar Sources: Annuals

Cannas  
Impatiens  
Pentas  
Salvia: Red or Black and Blue  
Zinnia  
Snapdragons  
Gladiolas  
Nasturtium  
Begonia: Bonfire  
Fuchsia: Upright  
Lantana  
Streptocarpella  
Torenia  
Scarlet Runner Bean

## Nectar Sources: Perennials

Agastache (Hyssop)  
Hollyhock  
Columbine  
Butterfly Weed, Milkweed  
Chelone: Turtlehead  
Crocsmia: 'Lucifer'  
Delphinium  
Larkspur  
Dicentra: Bleeding Heart  
Digitalis: Foxglove  
Hemerocallis: Daylily  
Heuchera: Coral Bells  
Hosta  
Red-Hot-Poker

Liatris: Gay Feather, Blazing Star  
Lobelia: Cardinal Flower  
Virginia Bluebells  
Monarda: Bee Balm, Bergamot  
Penstemon  
Phlox  
Obedient Plant  
Raspberries  
Soapwort  
Clematis

## Nectar Sources: Trees & Shrubs

Horsechestnut  
Mimosa  
Tulip Tree  
Flowering Cherry  
Flowering Crabapple  
Black Locust  
Butterfly Bush  
Witch Hazel  
Flowering Quince  
Beauty Bush  
Azalea  
Lilac  
Weigela  
Red Buckeye  
Rose of Sharon  
Honeysuckle  
Rhododendron  
Viburnum  
Trumpet Vine



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