

# Hummingbirds

## Tips for attracting hummingbirds...

- Place feeders in a sheltered area near flowers that are attractive to hummingbirds, such as red tubular flowers.
- Reduce nectar spoilage in hot weather by placing feeders in a shady area.
- Make sure to fill feeders with fresh nectar solution. Store any extra nectar in your refrigerator to maintain freshness.
- To eliminate the growth of harmful molds and bacteria, make it a habit to clean your feeder every 3 days. Discard the old nectar solution, then rinse the feeder with hot water and vinegar. Use a bottle brush for hard to reach areas. Do not use soap or detergent, as its residue may cause your feeder to drip.
- To discourage ants and bees from your feeder, consider adding an ant moat or bee guard.
- Hummingbirds are very entertaining and can be competitive around feeders. To reduce competition and allow more hummingbirds to feed, put up several feeders - widely spaced and preferably out of view of one another.

