

Hummingbird Tips:

Nectar Recipe

1 Part Sugar
4 Parts Water
Boil 1-2 Minutes
Cool & Store In Refrigerator

Never use honey or artificial sweeteners! Honey ferments easily, and can cause sores in a hummers mouth. Artificial sweeteners have no food value. **DO NOT** use red food coloring in your solution, as this could be harmful to your hummers. No testing has been done on the effects dye has on birds. Most feeders have red on them and that should be enough.

Amazing Myths and Facts

Myth: Hummingbirds suck nectar.

Fact: Hummingbirds do not suck nectar. They place their open bill into the feeder and lick up the nectar at a high rate of speed.

Myth: Hummingbirds eat from only red flowers.

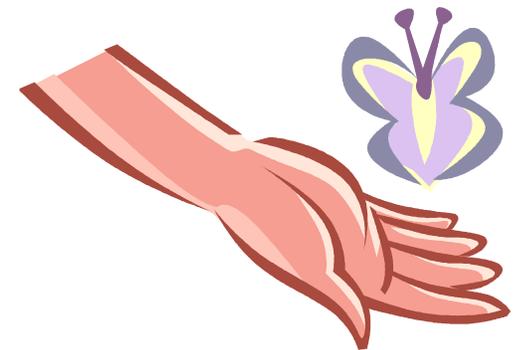
Fact: Yes, hummingbirds are attracted to red, but you need only to observe them for a short period to realize that they will eat from any color of nectar-producing flowers.

Butterfly Tips:

Butterflies like a place to catch some rays. On cool mornings, butterflies need to warm their bodies before they can become active. To do this, they often sit on a reflective surface such as a flat stone, spread their wings, and turn their backs to the sun. Their wings work like solar panels, absorbing the sun's warmth that is then transferred to their bodies.

Why are they eating dirt? Butterflies often gather in groups on wet sand or mud, and look like they are eating. This activity is called *puddling*, and they do it to obtain the minerals that are found in the soil. You can create a puddling place in your garden by placing a shallow pan in the soil, filling it with coarse sand, and keeping it moist. You can add salt to this at a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup salt (table salt or rock salt) to 1 gallon of sand, mix well and moisten. Locate the puddling area under a soaker hose or near a drip emitter to help keep the sand moist.

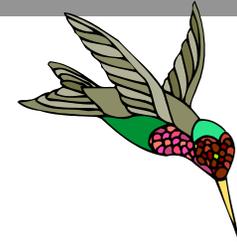
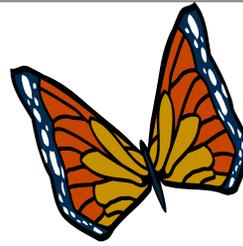
Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds to your garden



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Butterflies and Hummingbirds



Perennials that Attract Butterflies

Aster
Beebalm
Black-eyed Susan
Blanketflower
Butterfly Weed
Carnation
Coneflower
Coreopsis
Cranesbill
Gayfeather
Globe Thistle
Joe-pye Weed
Lupine
Pincushion Flower
Pinks
Purple Coneflower
Sedum
Sneezeweed
Statice
Stonecrop
Summer Phlox
Sweet William
Yarrow

Shrubs that Attract Butterflies

Rose-of-Sharon
Barberry
Butterfly Bush
Trumpet Creeper Vine
Bluebeard
Redbud

Summersweet
Dogwood
Winterberry (Michigan Holly)
Mountain Laurel
Privet
Potentilla
Prunus
Azalea
Fragrant Sumac
Willow
Spirea
Lilac Varieties
Blueberry
Viburnum
Koreanspice Viburnum
Arrowwood Viburnum

Perennials that Attract Hummingbirds

Beebalm
Bugle Flower
Campion
Catmint
Columbine
Coral Bells
Daylily
Delphinium
Foamy Bells (Heucherella)
Foxglove
Hollyhock
Hosta
Lobelia

Lupine
Obedient Plant
Pincushion
Rose Mallow
Salvia
Speedwell
Sweet Rocket

Shrubs

Abelia,
Azaleas
Bearberry
Beauty Bush
Butterfly Bush
Honeysuckle
Currant
Flowering Quince
Honeysuckle
Hibiscus
Weigela

Vines

Honeysuckle
Morning Glory
Scarlet Runner-Bean
Trumpet Creeper
Trumpet Honeysuckle

Trees

Flowering Crab
Horse Chestnut
