

Attracting Hummingbirds to Your Garden

These bundles of energy are beloved of every gardener. Their aerial acrobatics and frenzied activity can be enormously entertaining to watch. Attracting them naturally to the garden is actually quite simple. They feed on nectar with tubular shaped, brightly coloured flowers being their favourite. When planning your hummingbird garden ensure you have a continuous bloom of these types of flowers as these birds are in our area from spring through to fall. They also need a shallow source of water. Flowering shrubs are a nice addition as even after their flowers fade they will provide perches, cover, and even nesting areas if you're lucky! This list contains just some of their favourite nectar flowers.

Annuals

Canna	Lantana	Salvia	Wax Begonia
Cleome	Morning Glory	Scarlet Runner	Zinnia
Cuphea	Nasturtium	Bean	
Fuchsia	Nicotiana	Snapdragons	
Impatiens	Petunia	Verbena	

Perennials

Agastache	Delphinium	Liatriis	Pulmonaria
Ajuga	Dianthus	Lobelia	Salvia
Alcea	Dicentra	Lupinus	Saponaria
Aquilegia	Digitalis	Lychnis	Scabiosa
Asclepias	Epimedium	Monarda	Symphytum
Buddleia	Hemerocallis	Nepeta	Verbascum
Campanula	Heuchera	Papaver	Veronica
Campsis	Hibiscus	Penstemon	
Clematis	Hosta	Phlox	
Crocsmia	Iris	Physostegia	

Trees, Shrubs, & Vines

Botanical Name	Common Name
Aesculus	Buckeye sp.
Azaela	Azalea var.
Buddleia	Butterfly Bush
Campsis	Trumpet Vine
Caryopteris	Blue Mist Shrub
Clethra	Summersweet
Hibiscus	Rose of Sharon
Kolkwitzia	Beauty Bush
Lonicera (Red)	Scarlet Honeysuckle Vine
Rhododendron	Rhododendron
Salix	Willow
Sambucus	Elderberry
Syringa	Lilac
Viburnum	Viburnum