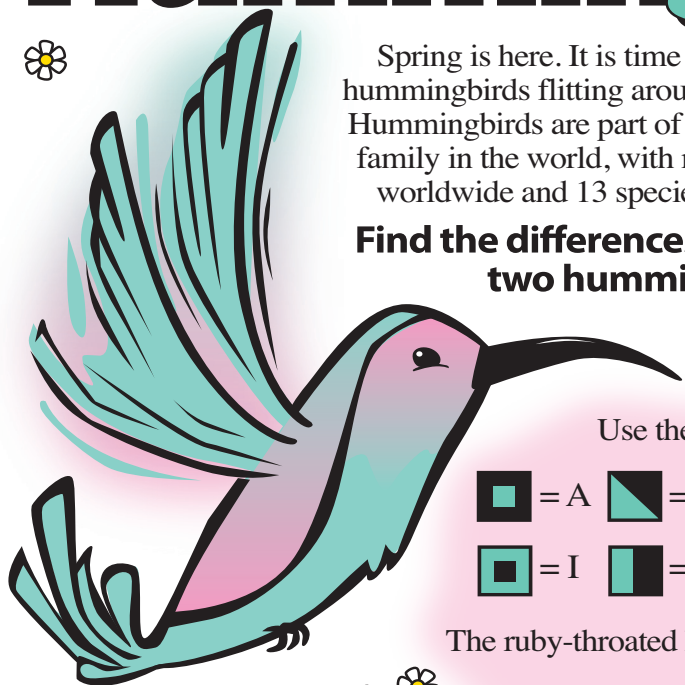


Hummingbirds

Spring is here. It is time to watch for the tiny hummingbirds flitting around your neighborhood. Hummingbirds are part of the second largest bird family in the world, with more than 300 species worldwide and 13 species in North America.

Find the differences between these two hummingbirds.



Use the code to learn more.

- = A
- = B
- = E
- = F
- = G
- = I
- = L
- = N
- = P
- = Y

The ruby-throated hummingbird weighs less than a



The smallest hummingbird lives in Peru and is the size of a



Do hummingbirds hum? Yes! Their wings make a faint humming sound when they are



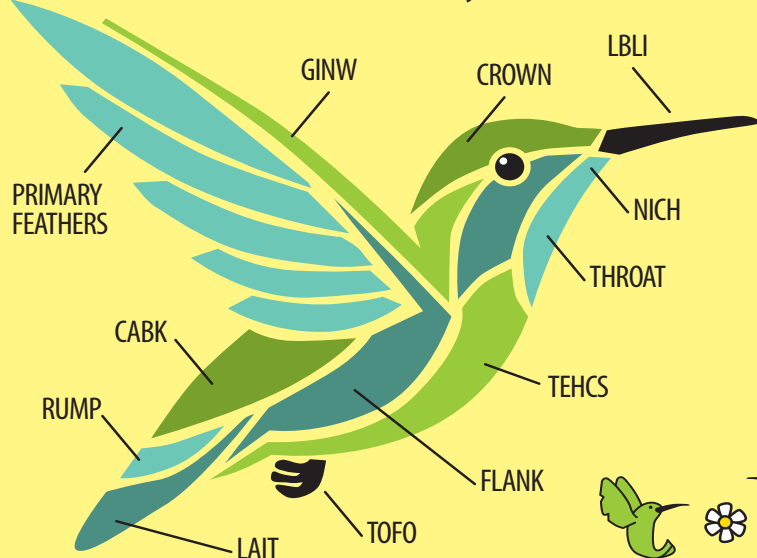
Have you ever watched a hummingbird flying by and noticed that their feathers seem to change as they move into different light? Hummingbird feathers are **iridescent**, meaning that reflections of light make them appear differently. Some hummingbirds are more colorful than others. Male hummingbirds are usually more colorful than females, because they need to attract a mate, while the females tend to camouflage better with their nesting spots.

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To get energy, hummingbirds eat sugar in the form of nectar from flowers or from homemade nectar in feeders, which they lap up using their long tongues.

Some of the names of a hummingbird's body parts in this chart have been scrambled. Can you correct them?



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How many hummingbirds and flowers can you find on this page?

Win a Hummingbird Feeder Kit from Perky-Pet®

Perky-Pet®, the world's top manufacturer of bird feeders, wants to help you celebrate spring by providing 25 lucky Kid Scoop readers with a free **Perky-Pet® Hummingbird Feeder Kit**, which includes a feeder, nectar packet, feeding guide and more! To enter to win, send a postcard or letter with your name and mailing address to:



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Dot-to-Dot

On one page of the newspaper, try to find and circle one of each letter of the alphabet. Connect the circles to make a picture.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.



Hungry, Hungry Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds have an incredibly fast **metabolism** so they need to eat all day long. One hummingbird can eat up to twice its body weight and feed on hundreds of flowers in a single day. If humans had a metabolism as fast as a hummingbird's, we would need to eat more than 1,500 of these in one day:

Circle every third letter. **J S B V W A T B N E S A D K N M Z A P R S**

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw what comes next in each row to continue the spring pattern.

Standards Link: Math: Recognise and extend patterns.

Double Double Word Search

CAMOUFLAGE Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- FEATHERS
- COLORFUL
- DESIGNED
- HUMMING
- SPECIES
- SPRING
- FAMILY
- WINGS
- LIGHT
- SPOTS
- MALE
- MATE
- RUBY
- TINY

H	C	O	L	O	R	F	U	L	S
S	Y	L	I	M	A	F	H	G	E
R	U	M	G	M	W	U	N	E	I
E	Y	I	H	N	M	I	T	G	C
H	B	N	T	M	R	A	N	B	E
T	U	I	I	P	M	R	L	G	P
A	R	N	S	T	O	P	S	E	S
E	G	A	L	F	U	O	M	A	C
F	D	D	E	N	G	I	S	E	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Kid Scoop Together:

Amazing Hummingbirds

Replace the missing words to learn more about hummingbirds.

- CONTINUOUS
- POLLEN
- DIRECTION
- JELLYBEAN
- FLOWERS
- SUMMER

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly in any _____: forward, backward, up, down and side-to-side.

Hummingbirds pollinate flowers because _____ sticks to their wings. This feeding behavior is vital to helping _____ become pollinated, which makes hummingbirds very important to the ecosystem.

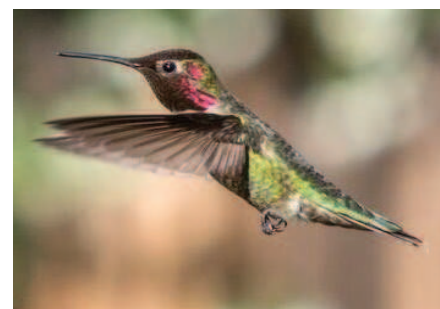
During migration, ruby-throated hummingbirds fly non-stop over the Gulf of Mexico – it can take up to 22 hours of _____

flight over 500 miles of water. The rufous hummingbird has the longest migration traveling up to 6,000 miles from its winter home to its _____

breeding grounds.

Hummingbirds nests and eggs are tiny. The eggs are about the size of a _____.

The nest is about the size of a walnut.



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **CAMOUFLAGE**
The verb **camouflage** means to hide or disguise something.

The green feathers **camouflaged** the bird in the tall grass.

Try to use the word **camouflage** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Abbreviations

An abbreviation is a short version of a word. Look at a newspaper page and circle every abbreviation. Copy these onto a piece of paper and write the long version of each word.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Why do hummingbirds hum?

ANSWER: Because they don't know the words.

Write On!

If You Were a Bird

If you were a bird, what kind would you be? Why?

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