

Natives for Hummingbirds

Native plants are favorites for hummingbirds. The plants listed here are sure to bring these graceful creatures to your garden. Choose a combination of sun and shade plants for multiple nectar sources. Feeders are not recommended except as a winter supplement and must be replenished consistently*. These tiny birds also feed on insects, so eliminating the use of pesticides in favor of natural control is beneficial (for many reasons!). Be sure to put bells around the necks of outdoor cats, in order to further secure the habitat for your new residents.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	TYPE
<i>Aquilegia</i> species	Columbine	1-2 x 2	Perennial
<i>Epilobium</i> species	California Fuchsia	Varies by species	Perennial
<i>Heuchera</i> species	Coral Bells	<1 x 1 - 2	Perennial
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Blue Flax	1-2 x 1-2	Perennial
<i>Lupinus</i> species	Lupine	1-3 x 1-3	Perennial
<i>Mimulus</i> species	Monkeyflower	1-2 x 2-3	Perennial
<i>Monardella</i> species	Coyote Mint	1-2 x 2-3	Perennial
<i>Penstemon</i> species	Beardtongue	1-2 x 1-2	Perennial
<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	Hummingbird Sage	2 x 3	Perennial
<i>Calliandra californica</i>	Baja Fairy Duster	3-6 x 4-5	Shrub
<i>Cleome isomeris</i>	Bladderpod	3-5 x 5	Shrub
<i>Fouquieria splendens</i>	Ocotillo	10 x 6-10	Shrub
<i>Galvezia</i> species	Bush Snapdragon	2-4 x 2-4	Shrub
<i>Justicia californica</i>	Chuparosa	2-3 x 2-3	Shrub
<i>Keckiella cordifolia</i>	Heart-leaved Penstemon	3 x 5	Shrub
<i>Lobelia laxiflora</i>	Mexican Lobelia Bush	3 x 3-6	Shrub
<i>Ribes</i> species	Currant / Gooseberry	3-8 x 6	Shrub
<i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	Cleveland Sage	3 x 3	Shrub
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn Sage	3 x 3	Shrub
<i>Salvia microphylla</i>	Summer Sage	3 x 5	Shrub
<i>Tecoma</i> x 'Orange Jubilee'	Orange Jubilee	8-10 x 6-10	Shrub
<i>Trichostema lanatum</i>	Woolly Blue Curls	3 x 4	Shrub
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> species	Manzanita	Varies by species	Shrub/Tree
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California Buckeye	10-20 x 18	Tree
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert Willow	10-15 x 10	Tree
<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Mexican Palo Verde	8-15 x 15	Tree
<i>Dudleya</i> species	Live-Forever	Low	Succulent
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Red Yucca	3 x 3	Succulent
<i>Lonicera</i> species	Honeysuckle	Climber	Vine
<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>	Coastal Prickly Pear	2-3 x 6	Cactus



We at TOLN lovingly refer to these visitors as our "Little Freeloaders". The ones we have been fortunate enough to observe include: Allen's, Anna's, Black-Chinned, Calliope, Costa's, and Rufous hummingbirds.

***Hummingbird feeders need to be cleaned, and changed every 3-4 days – more often in hot weather. Use only warm or hot water and a soft brush to clean the feeder. When the temperature is over 80°F, clean and refill every three or four days. Over 90°F, could spoil in two days. (If the sugar solution in your feeder turns cloudy, it's spoiled and needs to be replaced).**

