

Kentucky Native Plants to Attract and Feed Hummingbirds

The ruby-throated hummingbird is a migratory species that arrives in the state from Central America around the first of April. They breed and raise their young in Kentucky, and typically leave the state to return to Central America in September.

To attract ruby-throated hummingbirds to your garden plant a variety of native perennials and blooming shrubs to create a continual feast for them. Hummingbirds seem to prefer bright red or orange colored flowers, but also are attracted to blue, purple and white colored flowers. The hummingbird's long bill is best suited for sipping nectar from tubular or funnel shaped blossoms. Hummingbirds are omnivores, eating insects as well as nectar. Plants in your garden that support insects such as ants, spiders, and flies will also support hummingbirds.

<p>Cardinal Flower (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>)</p> 	<p>Columbine (<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>)</p> 	<p>Foxglove Beard Tongue (<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>)</p> 
<p>Marsh Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)</p> 	<p>Purple Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)</p> 	<p>Wild Bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)</p> 
<p>Wild Sweet William (<i>Phlox divaricata</i>)</p> 	<p>Coral Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>)</p> 	<p>Indian Pink (<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>)</p> 



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