

What do you call a flock of hummingbirds?

Actually, there are five names you can use:

a bouquet a glittering a hover a shimmer

and (from the puzzle on page 6) a

Hooray for Hummingbirds!



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Austin's Hummingbirds!



Rufous
Hummingbird

Ruby-Throated
Hummingbird

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Black-Chinned
Hummingbird

**Which ones
are in your
yard?**

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Little Flyers & the Little Flyers Passport

This is our inaugural issue of *Little Flyers*, a zine designed for kids. We will be providing fun information and activities on a monthly basis. Kids can earn stamps for the *Little Flyers Passport* by completing the activities and bringing it in to show us. Collect 8 stamps to receive a prize!

Little Flyers is a unique program at the **Wild Birds Unlimited** South Austin located at 3535 Bee Caves Road in Westlake Hills. Come visit us in person or online at austinsouth.wbu.com for upcoming events, birding news, feeders, bird seed, nesting boxes, and more. *Little Flyers* zine is edited by Ginny Lindzey, who also does all the original artwork.

Upcoming Event: Bring Bluebirds to Your Backyard

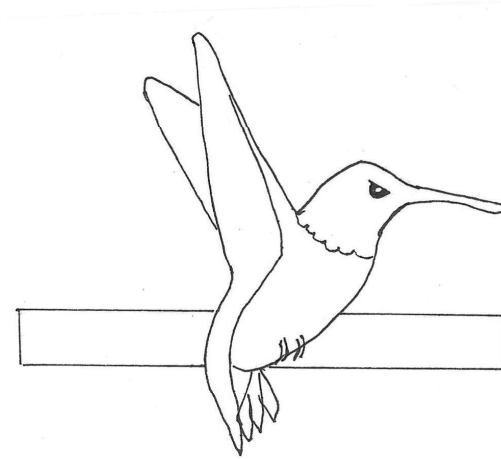
We are pleased to welcome Pauline Tom from the Texas Bluebird Society to our **Wild Birds Unlimited** shop! She will give us expert tips on attracting beautiful bluebirds to our backyards. Join us in learning how we can help save these sweet songbirds!

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Time: 4 PM

Place: 3535 Bee Cave Road

Hummingbird Finger Puppets

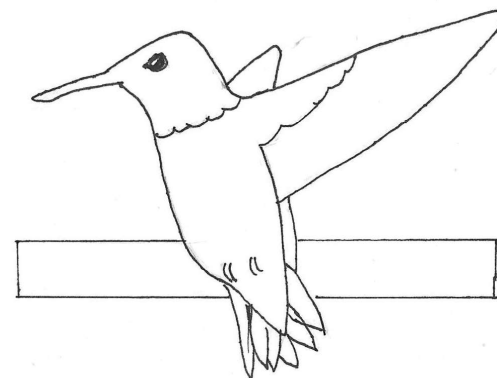
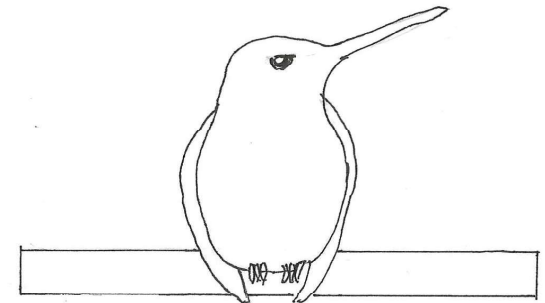


First, color your hummingbird finger puppets.

Second, carefully cut out your hummingbirds with scissors.

Third, tape the ends of the strip to fit your fingers.

Have fun!



The Color Red

Hummingbirds have a heightened sensitivity to the yellow-red end of the spectrum. This is the reason why most hummingbird feeders are red. Researchers have also discovered that hummingbirds can see ultraviolet light, which makes their world more colorful than ours.

What's the Recipe?

You can make your own nectar at home with this recipe. Remember that the proportion of sugar to water is 1 to 4.

But DO NOT add red dye which is thought to be harmful to hummingbirds!

Step 1: Bring 4 cups of water to a boil. (Have an adult help!)

Step 2: Add 1 cup of white granulated sugar.

Step 3: Stir well until the sugar is dissolved.

Step 4: Boil this mixture for 2 minutes.

Step 5: Allow to thoroughly cool.

Step 6: Pour into clean hummingbird feeders.

Be sure to change your nectar every two to three days. You can also add **Hummingbird Feeder Fresh Nectar Defender®** to extend nectar freshness for up to two weeks.

Unscramble the Hummingbirds

Using the boxes below, unscramble the names of the hummingbirds which you are most likely to see in your yard!

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Use the letters in the circles to answer puzzle on the back! (It's one of the names you call a flock of hummingbirds.)

So, what's cool about hummingbirds?

They are the smallest migrating bird.

They are the only bird that can fly backwards.

Their brains are 4.2% of their body weight. They can remember each flower in their territory as well as how long it takes for the flower to replenish its nectar.

Their bills are longer in proportion to their bodies than other birds in order to reach deep into flowers to obtain nectar.

Their forked tongues can lap up nectar 18 times per second.

Their wings rotate 180° and beat 15 to 80 times per second.

Their hearts can beat up to 1200 times per minute.

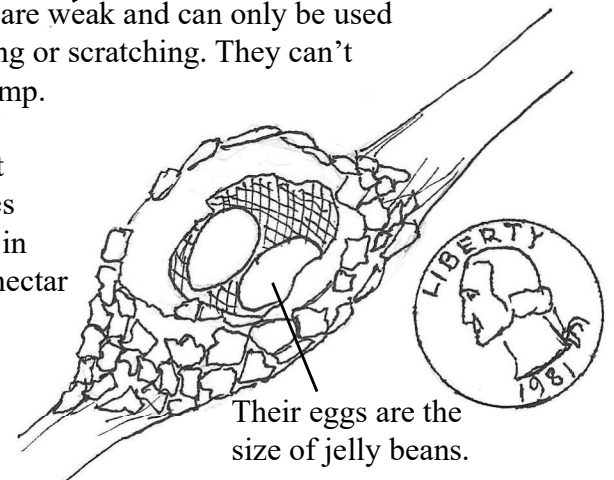
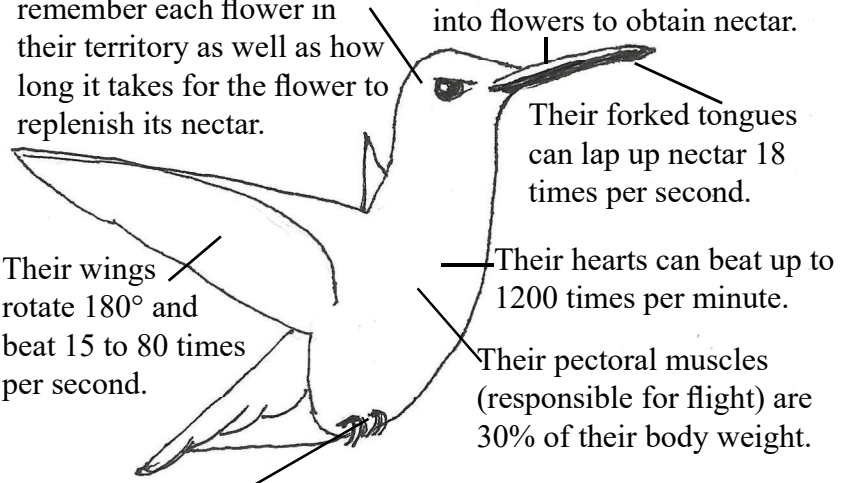
Their pectoral muscles (responsible for flight) are 30% of their body weight.

Their feet are weak and can only be used for perching or scratching. They can't walk or jump.

They can eat 1.5 to 3 times their weight in insects and nectar per day.

Their eggs are the size of jelly beans.

Go to www.hummingbirdspot.com/anatomy for more fascinating details.

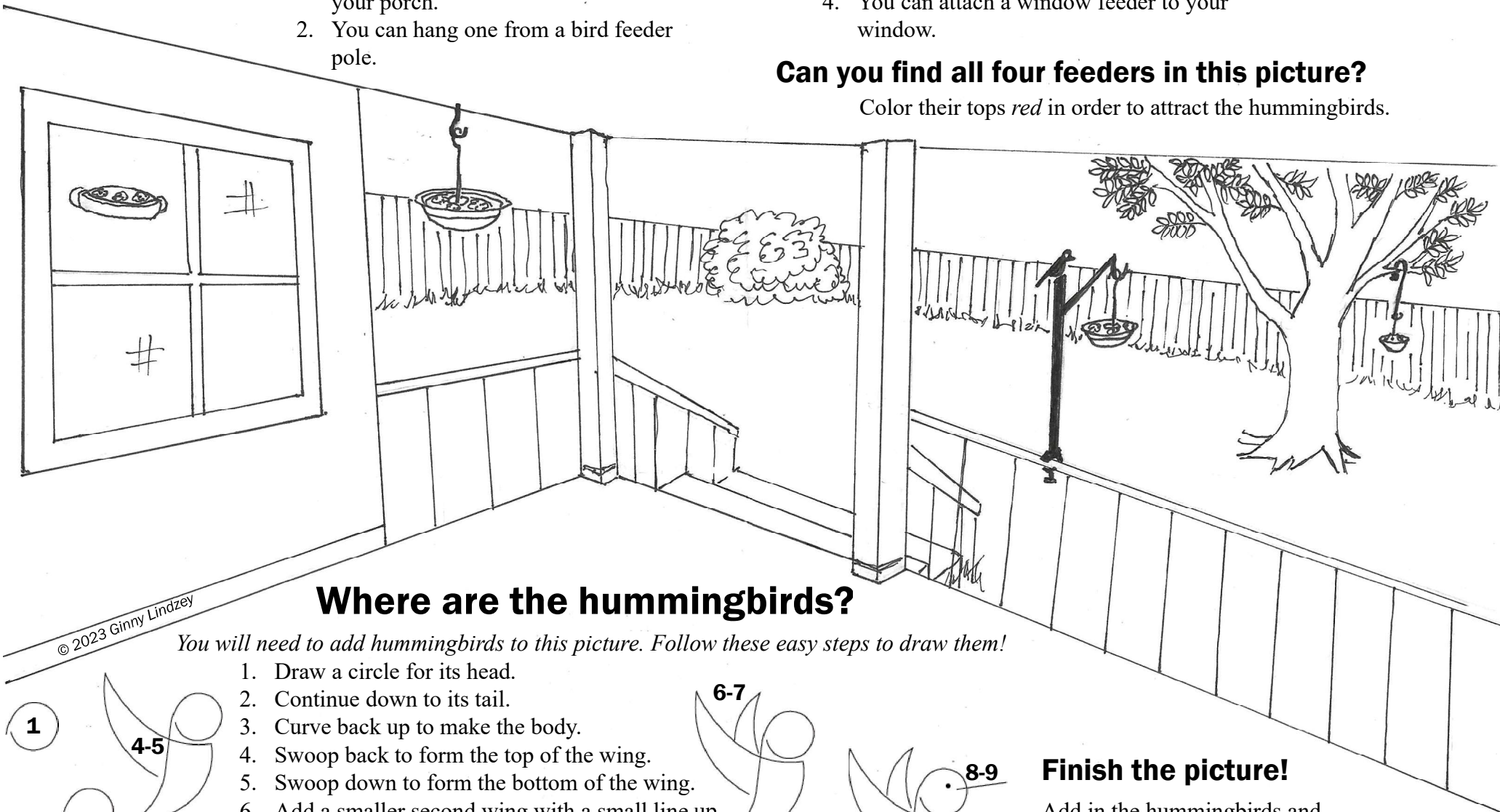


Where can you place hummingbird feeders?

1. You can hang one from a hook on your porch.
2. You can hang one from a bird feeder pole.
3. You can hang one from a tree.
4. You can attach a window feeder to your window.

Can you find all four feeders in this picture?

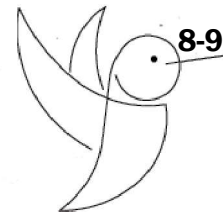
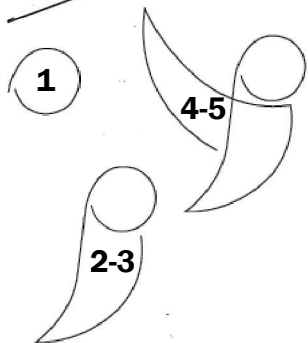
Color their tops *red* in order to attract the hummingbirds.



Where are the hummingbirds?

You will need to add hummingbirds to this picture. Follow these easy steps to draw them!

1. Draw a circle for its head.
2. Continue down to its tail.
3. Curve back up to make the body.
4. Swoop back to form the top of the wing.
5. Swoop down to form the bottom of the wing.
6. Add a smaller second wing with a small line up...
7. and another back down.
8. Add a long bill.
9. Finish with a dot for the eye.



Finish the picture!

Add in the hummingbirds and color them! You can also add red and orange flowers to attract more hummingbirds.