

## Fascinating Hummingbird Facts

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With hearts working at more than 1,200 pumps a minute and wings beating nearly 80 times every 60 seconds, the tiny hummingbird captures customers' imaginations. Hobbyists report that these summertime visitors prove fun to watch as they swoop in to protect their territory from other hummers and put on

Courtesy of Par-A-Solspectacular displays of machismo to attract the less-colorful sex.

More interesting facts: Hummingbirds only are found in the Western Hemisphere. Beginning as early as July, hummers migrate up to 1,800 miles, from the northeastern United States, across the Gulf of Mexico and into Central America. To store energy for migration, hummingbirds bulk up to nearly 1.5 times their normal weight. The United States host 16 varieties of hummingbirds. Hummingbirds range in size from just over two inches to nearly nine inches. Their wings can move in a figure-eight motion, which allows them to fly in all directions: forward, straight up, straight down and backward. In addition to nectar, hummers consume up to 500 insects daily. Baby hummers stay in the nest 21 days.