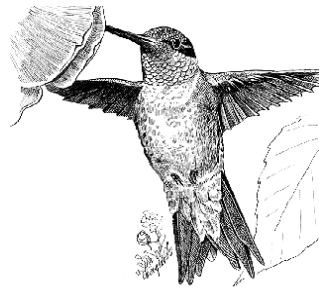


HUMMINGBIRD GARDENING FOR NORTHERN GARDENERS



“The hummingbird is seen to stop thus some instants before a flower, and dart off like a gleam to another; it visits them all, plunging its little tongue into their bosom, caressing them with its wings, without ever settling, but at the same time ever quitting them.” W.C.L. Martin, General History of Hummingbirds, Circa 1840.

KEY ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN

- A Garden Filled With Flowers Loved By Hummingbirds With Something in Bloom All Season Long!
- Well-Maintained Feeders from April through October (with no instant nectar or red food coloring)
- Cover, Perching & Preening Spots (trees & shrubs, shepherd’s hooks, tree snags)
- Water Feature---water should be shallow and feature should include dripper or misting device
- Hummingbird Beacons (red ribbons, metallic streamers, gazing ball, or any red object!)

HUMMINGBIRD GARDENING TIPS

- ✓ Red or Orange Tubular Flowers with no fragrance
- ✓ Focus on Native Plants, Wildflowers & Single Flowers
- ✓ Plants with Many Small Blossoms Pointing Sideways or Down
- ✓ Plants With Long Bloom Period
- ✓ Plants that Bloom Profusely During August & September
- ✓ Mass Plantings of Flowers That are Hummingbird Favorites
- ✓ Height of Plants should be Tall, not Short (or utilize hanging baskets or large containers for shorter plants)
- ✓ Place Feeders & Flowers Where You Can See & Enjoy Them From Your Home!

THE “DOZEN DAZZLER” HUMMINGBIRD PLANTS---The Best Plants for A Northern Hummingbird Garden (adapted from The Wildlife Gardener’s Guide to Hummingbirds & Songbird from the Tropics, Susan Day, Ron Rovanssek and Jack Griggs, 2003, Harper Collins)

- ✓ RED TROPICAL SAGE, TEXAS SAGE, SCARLET SAGE (*SALVIA COCCINEA*) *annual*
- ✓ RED BEE BALM, OSWEGO TEA (*MONARDA DIDYMA*) *perennial*
- ✓ AUTUMN SAGE (*SALVIA GREGGII*) *annual*
- ✓ ANISE SAGE (*SALVIA GUARANITICA*) *annual*
- ✓ STANDING CYPRESS, SPANISH LARKSPUR (*IMPOMPISIS RUBRA*) *biennial/perennial*
- ✓ RED CARDINAL FLOWER (*LOBELIA CARDINALIS*) *perennial*
- ✓ SUNSET HYSSOP, LICORICE MINT (*AGASTACHE RUPESTRIS*, *AGASTACHE CANNA*) *perennial*
- ✓ MEXICAN CIGAR PLANT (*CUPHEA “DAVID VERITY”*) *annual*

- ✓ INDIAN SHOT (*CANNA INDICA*) *annual (lift bulbs after first frost & replant in spring)*
- ✓ HONEYSUCKLE FUCHSIA, “GARTENMEISTER BONSTEDT” FUCHSIA (*FUCHSIA TRIPHYLLA*) *annual*
- ✓ CORAL HONEYSUCKLE, TRUMPET HONEYSUCKLE (*LONICERA SEMPERVIRENS*) *perennial vine*
- ✓ NICOTIANA MUTABILIS (*FLOWERING TOBACCO*) *Reseeding Annual*
- ✓ SALVIA ‘WENDY’S WISH’ *annual*

OTHER GREAT PLANTS FOR HUMMINGBIRDS

Annuals

- ✓ Cape Fuchsia (*Phygelius x rectus*)
- ✓ *Lantana camara*
- ✓ *Salvia splendens*
- ✓ *Salvia amistad*
- ✓ *Salvia ‘Mulberry Jam’*
- ✓ *Salvia Miniata*
- ✓ *Salvia praeclara (exserta)*
- ✓ *Stachytarpheta* (Porterweed)
- ✓ *Salvia involucrata* (Rosebud Sage)
- ✓ Purple Majesty Sage
- ✓ Scarlet Betony, Scarlet Hedgenettle (*Stachys coccinea*)
- ✓ Spotted Jewelweel (*Impatiens capensis*)---reseeds vigorously, yellow Jewelweed will not attract hummingbirds
- ✓ *Salvia darcyi* & *Salvia “Scarlet Spires”* (hybrid of *Salvias darcyi* and *greggii*)
- ✓ *Salvia “Hot Lips”* & *Salvia microphylla*
- ✓ Shrimp Plant (*Justicia brandegeana*)
- ✓ Red Tropical Hibiscus (*Hibiscus coccineus*)
- ✓ Mexican Sunflower (*Tithonia diversifolia* or *rotundifolia*)
- ✓ Scarlet Monkeyflower (*Mimulus cardinalis*)---may be perennial, depending on winter severity & location
- ✓ Zinnia (tall, red varieties best)

Perennials

- ✓ Red Hot Poker, Torch Lily (*Knifophia uvaria*)---select varieties that are 3-5 feet tall that bloom in late summer
- ✓ *Penstemon* (check for hardiness to zone 4---may be short-lived in the north, especially in clay soil and humid climates)
- ✓ Eastern Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- ✓ Cat Mint ‘Six Hills Giant’ (*Nepeta giganteus*)
- ✓ Canadian Milkvetch (*Astragalus canadensis*)
- ✓ Perennial Larkspur (*Delphinium exaltatum*)
- ✓ Royal Catchfly (*Silene Regia*)
- ✓ Indian Pink (*Spigelia marilandica*)
- ✓ Coral Bells (*Heuchera sanguinea*)
- ✓ Bleeding Heart (red or pink) (*Dicentra spectabilis* or *eximia*)
- ✓ Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*)
- ✓ Fire Pink (*Silene virginica*)
- ✓ *Hosta*
- ✓ Pink or White Turtlehead (*Chelone lyonii, glabra* or *obliqua*)

Shrubs (all are perennials in Zones 5 and 6---those hardy in Zone 4 are indicated with an “*”)

- ✓ Butterfly Bush, Summer Lilac (*Buddleia davidii*)
- ✓ Lilac* (*Syringa vulgaris*)
- ✓ Beauty Bush* (*Kolkwitzia amabilis*)
- ✓ *Weigela florida**----red tubular flowers in June and sporadically throughout the summer.
- ✓ Crimson Flowered Currant, Gooseberry (*Ribes Sanguineum*)—may need protection in zones 4 and 5
- ✓ Chokecherry* (*Prunus virginiana*)
- ✓ Snowberry* (*Symphoricarpos albus*)
- ✓ Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*)
- ✓ Cardinal Autumn Olive* (*Elaeagnus umbellata*)

Vines (often the forgotten plant in gardening---vines are a wonderful way to maximize the impact of a small garden!)

- ✓ Red Morning Glory (*Ipomoea coccinea*) ANNUAL (will reseed)
- ✓ Trumpet Creeper (*Campsis radicans*) Perennial
- ✓ Scarlet Runner Bean (*Phaseolus coccineus*) ANNUAL---protect from rabbits in early growth! Collect seeds at end of season and replant in spring
- ✓ Sweet Pea (*Lathyrus*) (perennial species only)
- ✓ Snapdragon Vine (*Asarina antirrhinifolia*) ANNUAL
- ✓ Firecracker Vine (*Manietta cordifolia*) ANNUAL
- ✓ Cardinal Climber (*Ipomoea x multifida*) ANNUAL

Trees

- ✓ Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)
- ✓ Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
- ✓ Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- ✓ Hawthorne (*Crataegus*)
- ✓ American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
- ✓ Juniper---Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
- ✓ Mulberry (*Morus rubra*)
- ✓ Oak (*Quercus*)
- ✓ Red Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*)
- ✓ Serviceberry (*Amelanchier*)
- ✓ Cranberry Bush (*Viburnum*)----choose varieties with red berries.
- ✓ Horsechestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum x carnea*)---red flowers in spring.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://www.hummingbirdgardening.net> -You'll see pictures of many of the plants listed above in our garden visited by real hummingbirds!

"It is to be hoped that hummingbird gardeners will play a role in preserving the populations of hummingbirds throughout the New World. Along the way, they're sure to be rewarded with plenty of hours of entertaining events in their yards to observe and lots of magical moments to remember. So why not get out your trowel and plant a sage or two? The hummingbirds are waiting!" (The Hummingbird Garden, Matthew Telulsky, The Harvard Common Press, 1990.)

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