



Utah
Water Garden & Koi
club
Newsletter

Hello Ponders!

Wow, where has this summer gone? One of the highlights was our annual BBQ this month. Thanks to the Horrocks for hosting, and to all who brought food. And thanks for participating in our first plant exchange! We hope to make it an annual event. Check out the photos on pages 4 and 5.

We have one more meeting this summer — September 28 at the Larsons (1925 Spring Lane in Holladay). Come see their beautiful yard and ponds. Please note the date change (it's on the fourth Thursday of September).

Our end-of-year banquet will be on October 26 at Toscano's in Draper. You'll find more info on page 7, together with a QR code you can scan to see the menu and purchase tickets. We'll hold our annual elections for officer and directors that night. Consider becoming more involved, and run!

Enjoy the articles in this issue of our newsletter. We showcase the evolution of a pond's landscaping, and the delightful hummingbirds that make Utah home.

And enjoy the beauty and serenity of your wonderful yards, water features and ponds as we move into fall. We hope to see you at the Larsons next month and at our annual banquet in October!



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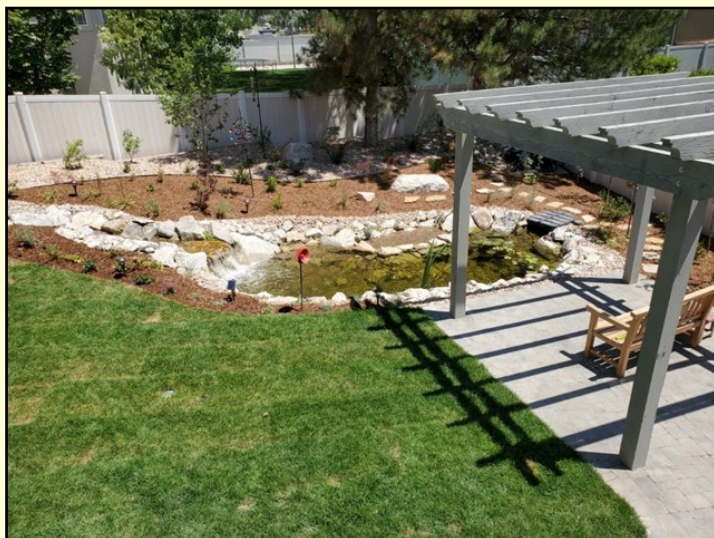
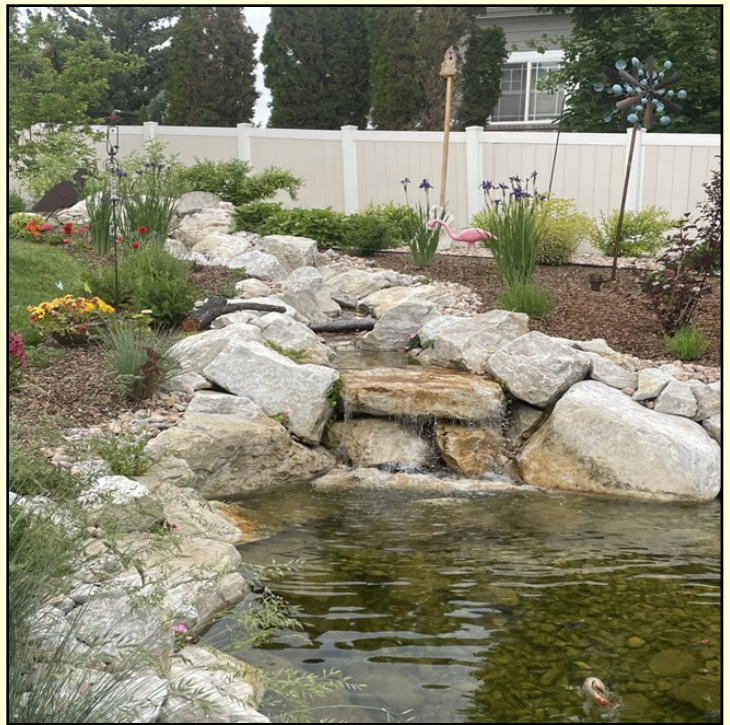
Evolution of a Pond

By Gil & Sherry Avellar

The evolution of a backyard pond is exciting to see, and the changes happen much quicker than you might imagine. We thought it might be fun for you to see a few pictures of a brand-new pond and how it has matured over a period of just two short years.

The Avellar pond was built in the summer of 2021. The backyard was a total redo except for two mature pine trees in the far corner of the yard. Here are two pictures taken when the project was first completed. As you can see, the grass sod had just been put

down. The plants are small and thin. The pond and stream looked pretty bare. The pond itself was very clear but was not yet balanced with good bacteria and natural algae.



The summer of 2022 showed a lot of improvement to

the landscaping. These pictures were taken during the 2022 pond tour. Plants were filling out nicely and the pond itself looked more natural. We lost a few plants and added some additional ones. The pond itself looks slightly greener with more natural balance.

Today, the pond and landscaping are full and mature. The stream and pond water



look healthy and natural. The goldfish have plenty to eat within the pond and we have lots of dragonflies and snails within the water.

2023 Meeting Schedule

- ◆ **September 28** – Larsens' pond (please note the change of date)
- ◆ **October 26** – Annual Banquet and elections at Toscano's in Draper. Get your tickets now (see page 7). Please consider getting more involved in the Club, and run for office! Talk to any current officer for more info.

If you'd like to host a meeting in 2024 or be on our pond tour, please let any us know! Call, text or email any Club officer.

Our August Meeting

A big thanks to the Horrocks for hosting our August meeting and BBQ in their beautiful yard, and to everyone who came out. And thanks for all who participated in our first annual plant exchange.





Hummingbirds in Utah

They're only a few inches long, but hummingbirds flap their wings so fast they create an actual humming sound that gives them their name. These little birds are stunning creatures who make the environment — and your garden — a much brighter place.

Hummingbirds are one of the most popular birds in Utah and have captivated people's interest and attention for a long time. But because hummingbirds are incredibly fast and small, these birds can be hard to distinguish from each other.

Utah's 10 migrating hummingbirds begin arriving as early as March and continue north to their preferred nesting area, somewhere near their own birth.

The last of the spring migrating hummingbirds are gone by mid-June, however, many will stay in Utah for the rest of the summer.

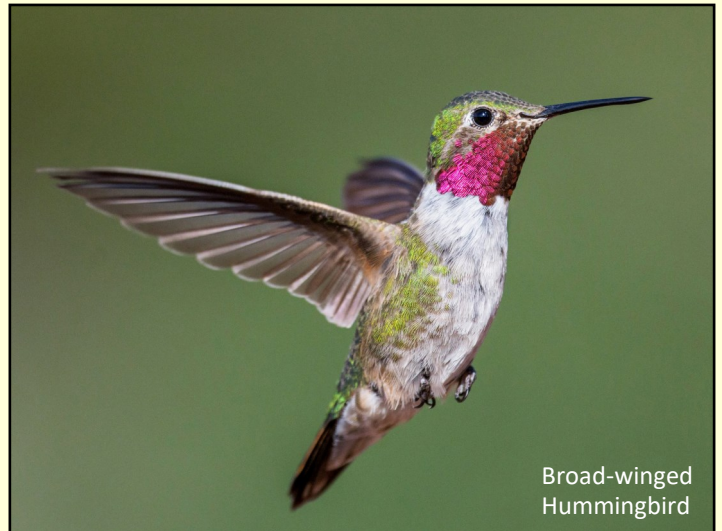
- The most common hummingbirds seen in Utah are the Black-chinned and Broad-tailed hummingbirds.
- On average, out of 10,000 hummingbird sightings in Utah, 4,877 (49%) will be Black-chinned hummingbirds.
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Black-Chinned Hummingbird

in Utah, 3,190 (32%) will be Broad-tailed hummingbirds.

Beginning their northern journey from as far away as Panama, or as close as Mexico, migrating



Broad-winged Hummingbird

hummingbirds arrive in Utah in March, some late migrators may arrive as late as mid-May, but by the end of June, all hummingbirds that are migrating further than Utah are gone from Utah.

The first migrating hummingbirds will be males followed by the females about a week later. The males arrive first to stake out the territory that they will defend as they try to attract a female.

Calliope hummingbirds will probably be the first migrating hummingbirds to arrive in Utah. Keep your eye out for the brightly colored gorget of the male, the females will start showing up at your feeders about a week later.

Hummingbirds starting their spring migration from Panama need to fly about 2,900 miles to reach the center of Utah.

Hummingbirds starting their journey from the Mexican border need to fly about 800 miles to reach the center of Utah.

Adapted from backyardvisitors.com

October End-of-Season Banquet

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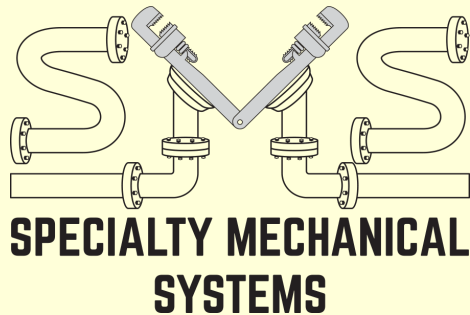
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Our annual end-of-season banquet will be on Thursday, October 26 at Toscano, which is located in Draper at the 11400 South off ramp of I-25. The cost is \$20 for members and \$50 for non-members. Plan now to join us in a fine dining experience, together with a silent auction. For a menu, more info and tickets, scan this QR code:



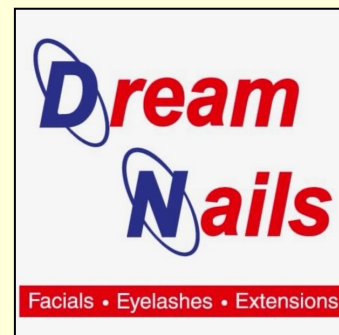
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Who we are

The Utah Water Garden Club is a non-profit organization serving the greater Wasatch Front. We strive to foster an appreciation for and interest in the use of water in the landscape, through monthly meetings, educational programs, a pond tour, and sharing our water gardening experiences. We are a group of volunteers dedicated to water gardening, pond keeping, koi and other pond fish. Our members range from novices to commercial professionals.

Historically, we have sponsored an annual Water Garden Tour – a self-guided tour of outstanding local ponds, water features and gardens. Beginning this year, we’re moving to a biennial (every other year) tour, and there will not be a tour in 2023. If you’d like to be involved in planning or be on the 2024 tour, please let us know! Future tours can only happen with your participation!

Check out the Club’s website at UtahWaterGardenClub.org.

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