

YOUNG EXPLORERS

Flying Jewels



This spring and summer you might see a small, bright blur zipping from flower to flower. Don't be alarmed! These are our hummingbird friends.

In Massachusetts, we have one species of hummingbird that comes to nest and live here from spring to fall: Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are named for the male's glowing red throat that stands out against their bright white collar and shiny green back.

These tiny birds can flap their wings 53 times per second as they zoom across your garden and hover over flowers or hummingbird feeders. Listen as they fly by and you will hear a buzzing or humming noise from their wings.

If you want to attract hummingbirds to your yard, plant red or orange flowers like bee balm or native honeysuckle vines. You can also put out a hummingbird feeder.

We need your help to make this hummingbird complete. Connect the dots to piece together the bird, then color it in to make your own beautiful scene!