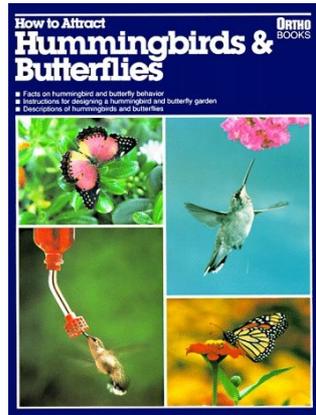


## How to Attract Hummingbirds & Butterflies

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Hummingbirds and butterflies add interest, beauty, and enjoyment to a garden. This book describes the characteristics, behavior, and needs of these creatures. Plant-selection lists and necessary design elements are included, as are descriptions of the most common hummingbird and butterfly species.

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Attracting hummingbirds 101! See more hummingbirds in your backyard and garden this summer. Tips include everything from nectar feeders to native plants. Hummingbirds are naturally attracted to the color red, which is the reason why most nectar feeders you see have a red base or top. Make sure that yours does too. At the very least, make sure it has a bright color like yellow.

Hummingbirds and butterflies add beauty and biodiversity to the landscape. Here's how to attract them to your yard. Gerchman gives the example of how hummingbirds eat aphids: "Aphids are often seen as immediate pests in gardens. So you can enjoy beautiful flowers, and attract hummingbirds which help protect the plants." An additional note on garden pest control -- at a Vegetable Entomologist Workshop in Dallas, pest control experts cautioned to "avoid broad-spectrum insecticides to conserve natural enemies" like hummingbirds. Flowers and tips to attract hummingbirds to your garden. Gerchman explains that hummingbirds are attracted to tubular-shaped flowers. One very important thing to remember about attracting hummingbirds, butterflies or anything that is going to be tasting the plants in your garden is to avoid using pesticides. Here are more tips for what to plant to attract butterflies and hummingbirds and how to keep them happy, healthy and returning to your yard. 01 of 06. Attracting Butterflies. Once you have a hospitable environment for butterflies, keep them coming back by providing their favorite plants. Butterflies are partial to flowers with flat umbels, where they can stop and warm their wings as well as grab a snack on the fly. Bright colors will catch their eye in flight, so consider planting your butterfly plants in swaths larger enough for them to spot. A butterfly plant here and there is not going to do the trick. How to Attract Hummingbirds. Explore this Article. parts. 1 Attracting Hummingbirds in the Garden. 2 Hanging Hummingbird Feeders. 3 Attracting Hummingbirds in Your Yard. Other Sections. Questions & Answers. To get hummingbirds the natural way, plant a garden specifically geared toward what attracts them. That means a garden full of azaleas, bee balm, butterfly bushes, columbine, foxglove, hostas and morning glories (all of these are full of delicious nectar and are bright and colorful). Choose varieties that have very little smell, but have a high visibility and nectar production. You can use trees, vines, shrubs, and flowers, both perennials and annuals -- these suggestions are just the beginning of the list. Hummingbird and butterfly feeders are a great way to supplement natural nectar, especially early and late in the growing season. They also often feed a wide variety of other beneficial insects and often attract many songbirds as well. Butterfly, Bee, and Bat Boxes. Butterfly, bee, and bat boxes are a great way to provide purposeful protective cover. Be sure to follow the suggested directions about where to hang to both attract and help keep your visitors safe. Consider Backyard Beekeeping. How to Attract Hummingbirds. Hummingbird Flowers and Plants. Hummingbirds and butterflies both love flowers with nectar, and finding the right plants will draw them to your garden. Not only are these winged creatures pretty and fun to watch, but they're essential pollinators, too, helping to keep your plants happy! Hummingbirds are attracted to anything that is red, yellow, or orange. Butterfly Puddler. Butterflies have different water needs than hummingbirds. They prefer to drink from very shallow puddles, preferably with sand or soil underneath. Using colored sand in their favorite color may draw them in easier. You can make one of these puddlers with a simple pie tin! Bury the pie tin in your garden, and add colored sand to the bottom.

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