

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANTS NURSERY & LANDSCAPING

BEST PLANTS TO ATTRACT FLORIDA HUMMINGBIRDS

Native Trees:

Geiger Tree (*Cordia sebestena*)

Native Shrubs:

Coral Bean (*Erythrina herbacea*)

Necklace Pod (*Sophora tomentosa* var. *truncata*)

Firebush (*Hamelia patens*)

Scarlet Rosemallow (*Hibiscus coccineus*)

Native Vines:

Cross Vine (*Bignonia capreolata*)

Trumpet Vine (*Campsis radicans*)

Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

Native Wildflowers:

Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)

Tropical Sage (*Salvia coccine*)

Non-native (but Florida-friendly) options:

Firespike (*Odontonema stricta*)

Jatropha (*Jatropha integerrima*)

Purple Porterweed (*Stachytarpheta* spp.)

Carribean Firebush (*Hamelia nodosa*)

Golden Dewdrop (*Duranta repens* var. 'Sapphire Showers')

Lion's Tail (*Leonotis leonurus* 'Staircase')

Florida Hummingbirds: Eleven different species have been observed in Florida but the most common is the ruby-throated hummingbird. There are at least two different ruby-throated hummingbird populations: the south-bound ruby-throats migrating into/through the state in fall and winter, and the north-bound ruby-throated hummingbirds coming through the state in the spring. Both spring and fall, Southwest Florida provides important feeding areas for hummingbirds who fly across the Gulf to southern wintering sites or back across the Gulf on their way to summer nesting sites in the North. They seek out native plants, their natural food supply, along their migratory routes. Typically, many birds return to the same feeding sites, so once you start getting them, you are likely to see them year after year unless the sites disappear with habitat changes in your area.

Hummingbird Garden Design: Ruby-throated hummingbirds are attracted most to nectar-rich plants with bright red or orange blossoms of tubular shape. First fill your yard with natives before adding non-native species of plants. Hummingbirds feed most comfortably from blossoms two feet or higher above the ground. An excellent planting design for a hummingbird garden follows the wildlife landscaping principle of layered vegetation. Attach a trellis to a wall and cover it with a cascade of Trumpet Creeper or Coral Honeysuckle vines. Consider planting a Geiger tree for height at the back of your hummingbird garden. Add smaller shrubs such as Coralbean and Firebush then close to the ground plant low flowering annuals and perennials

**Alternatively, let us design, deliver and plant a hummingbird garden for you.
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Learn more at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Florida Hummingbird Forum websites.

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