

Make Your Own Hummingbird Nectar

Mixing your own hummingbird nectar is an inexpensive way – and in some cases, healthier way – to feed hummingbirds and orioles.

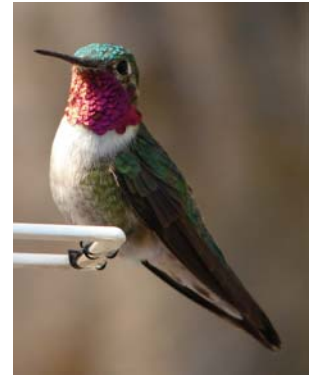
Mix 1/4 c. sugar and 1 c. water in a cup or jar.

Stir briskly with a spoon until the sugar is completely dissolved.

Pour the mixture into a clean hummingbird or oriole feeder.

Cover any unused nectar and refrigerate for up to five days.

Quantities can be increased.



Ruby-throated
hummingbird

Feeding TIPS---

- Mixing nectar in a measuring cup allows easy pouring into feeders.
- Change nectar in feeders every five to seven days - more often in warm weather.
- Be sure all utensils are clean and dry before making nectar.
- For larger feeders, simply increase water and sugar using a ratio of four parts water to one part sugar.
- Artificial dyes, food coloring, honey and sugar other than white table sugar should NOT be used in nectar feeders.
- Avoid hanging feeders in direct sunlight, which will cause nectar to spoil more quickly.