



*Annuals that
Hummingbirds
love*

Cleome/ Spider Flower

Grandma would be proud that you are planting her favorite flower. While garden centers are offering packs for sale, a better choice is to sew seed. Cleomes are happy in about any soil type as long as it's in full sun and well-drained. To the delight of hummers, this hardy annual often reseeds itself for years to come.



Calibrachoa/ Million Bells

Becoming more popular every year, calibrachoa can be found in a myriad of colors. Perfect in a basket or as a ground cover, keep them close to you so you can watch the hummingbirds fight for their nectar. They need rich, well-drained soil and full sun to bloom heavily. Periodically pinching them back keeps the plants full and blooming.



Fuchsia

With their reputation for finicky-ness, many people avoid growing these hummingbird favorites. Keep them in filtered light and an evenly moist soil. Cip off branches that are done blooming; it will encourage regrowth. Remove dead leaves to avoid fungal diseases.



Cosmos

This old-fashioned flower is making a strong come back in “natural” gardens, Grown easily from seed, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep in a full sun location. They are drought tolerant and bloom best in average to poor soil. Please don't fertilize these beauties.



Nicotiana/ Flowering Tobacco



Hummers love the nectar, but you'll love the light evening fragrance of Nicotiana. Plant them in moist but well-drained soil and make sure they get at least 6 hours of sunlight.



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Purple Beardtongue *Penstemon cobaea*



An absolutely spectacular addition to the late spring, early summer garden! Penstemon demands full sun, but thrives in dry, gravel topped soil. Plant him to the back because his bloom-covered stems can reach 4 feet tall.



Indian Pink *Spigelia marilandica*



Plant one of these beauties this year, have four next year. Hummingbirds can't resist stopping at these dramatic blooms throughout the months of June and July. Indian Pinks love sun with a touch of afternoon shade and moist, well-drained soil.



Rose Turtlehead *Chelone obliqua*



You will make sure your hummers are fed well into the fall if you add Rose Turtlehead to your garden. Rose-pink blooms begin to appear in September and continue well into October. Plant them in full sun and keep them well-watered for the heaviest flowering.



Lanceleaf Coreopsis *Coreopsis lanceolata*



Enjoy a bright yellow splash of color when you plant a patch of nectar rich coreopsis in the garden. Lanceleaf does best in full sun and prefers soil that is slightly on the dry side. The heaviest bloom is in May and June, but I often have a second wave of lighter bloom in early fall. Lanceleaf spreads easily.



Columbine *Aquilegia canadensis*



Native columbine begins feeding hummers in April and is still going strong in June! Although they are thought of as shade plants, native columbines need a few hours of morning sun to thrive. Keep the soil on the dry side.





*Vines that
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Cross Vine *Bignonia capreolata*



Cross Vine is a perennial native vine that loves being in the full sun but will tolerate some shade. He prefers moist, well-drained soil and blooms in mid to late summer.

Yellow Passionflower *Passiflora lutea*



This diminutive native vine will bring hummers to your garden from June all the way through August. Plant the vine in full sun and keep the soil evenly moist. Yellow Passionflower does well in containers on the patio too.

Coral Honeysuckle *Lonicera sempervirens*



A beautiful, non-aggressive native honeysuckle, Coral Honeysuckle acts like a magnet for hummingbirds. Planted in full sun and kept reasonably moist, this vine will flower from April through July.

Mandevilla Vine



Add a touch of the tropics to your patio this summer and watch the hummers flit from one huge blossom to another all season long. Mandevilla wants full sun, moist soil and a sturdy trellis to climb on.

Clematis



No matter which variety you choose, the Queen of all vines deserves a place of honor in the hummingbird garden. Dozens of color and bloom time options are available. Give the roots some shade but give the foliage and flowers some sun.