
Ruby-Throated Hummingbird

(Archilochus colubris)

- There are five species of hummingbirds found in Canada; the Ruby-Throated hummingbird is the most common and is the only species found here in New Brunswick.
- The males are mainly green with a red patch on their throat; the females look similar, but with no red patch.



- They are especially attracted to red flowers and trumpet-shaped flowers into which they can reach with their long beaks and tongues.
- They also eat insects (catching them in mid-air) and spiders.
- Their nests are the size of a large thimble.

What can you do to help?

- Hanging baskets and garden plants with the flowers they enjoy will attract hummingbirds to your garden. Be sure to get flowers that have ample nectar (many newer cultivars don't).
- They also will appreciate a source of water - a birdbath or other water feature.