



Hummingbirds — The World's Smallest Birds

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Hummingbirds are the world's **smallest** birds. They are **bright, colorful**, and very beautiful. Their feathers can be green, red, blue, or orange. Many people stop and stare when they see one **fly** past a garden!

A hummingbird can do something no other bird can do. It can **fly** forward, backward, and even upside down. It can also stay in one place in the air without **moving**. This is because its tiny **wings** beat very **fast** — about 50 times every second! This is so **fast** that you can only hear a low humming sound when the bird passes by.

A hummingbird loves **flowers**. It uses its long, thin beak to **drink** sweet juice, called nectar, from inside each **flower**. Because hummingbirds are so active, they need to **drink** from hundreds of flowers every single day. Without enough nectar, they cannot keep their wings beating **fast** enough to fly!

Hummingbirds also help flowers grow. As they **move** from **flower** to **flower**, they carry a yellow dust called pollen. This pollen helps new flowers bloom. In this way, hummingbirds and flowers help each other.

Hummingbirds live only in North and South America. They need trees, **flowers**, and clean air to stay **safe** and healthy. These **tiny, colorful** birds are one of nature's greatest wonders. Even though they are **small**, they are strong, **fast**, and truly amazing!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. small ____ | a. the colorful part of a plant that makes seeds |
| 2. bright ____ | b. the part of a bird's body it uses to fly |
| 3. colorful ____ | c. to change position or go from one place to another |
| 4. fly ____ | d. not in danger; protected from harm |
| 5. wing ____ | e. having many colors |
| 6. fast ____ | f. to move through the air using wings |
| 7. flower ____ | g. moving or happening quickly |
| 8. drink ____ | h. to take liquid into your mouth and swallow it |
| 9. move ____ | i. not big in size |

10. safe ____ j. having a strong, clear color or a lot of light



B. True or False

1. Hummingbirds are the world's smallest birds. ____
2. Hummingbirds can fly backward and upside down. ____
3. A hummingbird's wings beat slowly like a chicken's wings. ____
4. You can hear a low humming sound when a hummingbird flies. ____
5. Hummingbirds drink sweet nectar from inside flowers. ____
6. A hummingbird only needs to visit a few flowers each day. ____
7. Hummingbirds carry pollen as they move from flower to flower. ____
8. Hummingbirds live in Asia and Africa. ____
9. Hummingbirds need clean air and flowers to stay safe. ____



C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: colorful, fly, wing, drink, safe

1. Hummingbirds are _____ birds with green, red, and blue feathers.
2. A hummingbird can _____ forward, backward, and even upside down.
3. Each tiny _____ beats about 50 times every second.
4. A hummingbird uses its long beak to _____ sweet nectar from flowers.
5. Hummingbirds need clean air and flowers to stay _____ and healthy.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What do hummingbirds look like?
2. What makes a hummingbird's flying different from other birds?
3. What do hummingbirds eat, and why do they need so much of it?
4. How do hummingbirds help flowers?
5. Where do hummingbirds live?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever seen a hummingbird or a picture of one? What did you notice first?
2. Why do you think hummingbirds need to eat from so many flowers every day?
3. How can people help protect small animals like hummingbirds?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-i, 2-j, 3-e, 4-f, 5-b, 6-g, 7-a, 8-h, 9-c, 10-d

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-colorful, 2-fly, 3-wing, 4-drink, 5-safe

D. Comprehension:

1. Hummingbirds are the world's smallest birds. They are bright and colorful with feathers that can be green, red, blue, or orange.
2. Hummingbirds can fly forward, backward, and even upside down. They can also stay perfectly still in the air. No other bird can do this.
3. Hummingbirds drink sweet nectar from inside flowers. They are very active and must visit hundreds of flowers every day to get enough energy.
4. As hummingbirds move from flower to flower drinking nectar, they carry a yellow dust called pollen. This pollen helps new flowers grow and bloom.
5. Hummingbirds live only in North and South America.

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