



Hummingbirds

Class: Birds

Order: Apodiformes
(hummingbirds and swifts)

Family: Trochilidae
(hummingbirds)

Description

Hummingbirds weigh around 0.1 ounces and are about three inches long. They are very small and light.

Hummingbirds have beautiful feathers. Males have dark-colored feathers, mostly green, blue, purple, and yellow, and females are usually black, gray, brown, and green. Their bills are long and curved. Its shape helps them consume nectar. Their tongues and tails are very long, sometimes longer than their bodies.

A group of hummingbirds is called a charm of hummingbirds. As is common with many types of birds, a male is called a cock, a female is called a hen, and a baby is called a chick.

Did you know?

Hummingbirds are not actual songbirds. They are called hummingbirds because their wings beat so fast that they make a humming sound.

Their hearts can beat up to 1,260 times per minute (most birds' hearts beat between 50–160 times per minute).

Hummingbirds are one of the most beautiful birds God created. Their feathers are bright green, blue, purple, and red. Male hummingbirds are more colorful than females.

