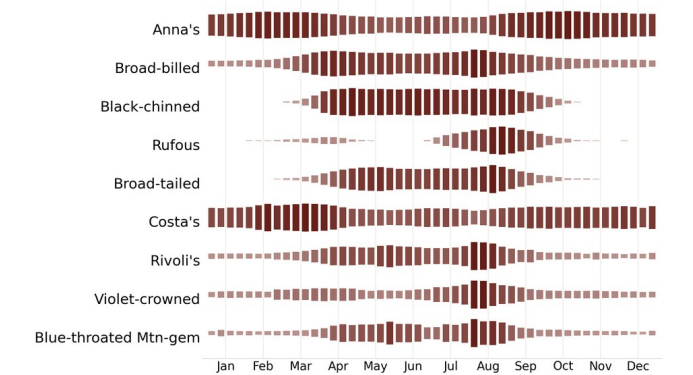


SPECIES YOU'LL SEE

Anna's	The one true year-round constant, every region measured	MOST COMMON
Broad-billed, Black-chinned	Genuine breeders, common warm months, gone in winter	COMMON
Costa's	Desert specialist — peaks in spring, not summer	COMMON
Rufous, Broad-tailed	Migrants only — passing through, not nesting here	MIGRANT

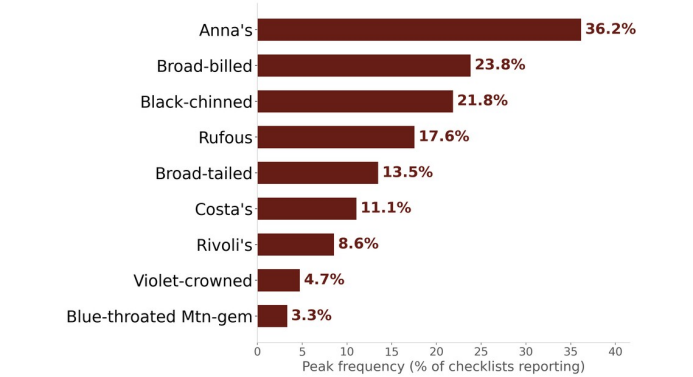
Also regular (per Arizona Bird Committee): Rivoli's, Violet-crowned, Blue-throated Mountain-gem, Lucifer, Calliope, Berylline, White-eared, Plain-capped Starthroat. The one true rarity: Ruby-throated — the only species AZ's own records committee still requires documentation for.

HUMMINGBIRDS IN ARIZONA: WHO'S AROUND, AND WHEN



Source: eBird bar chart data (Cornell Lab of Ornithology), 2016–2025 (pulled Aug 2026). Also documented but too rare to chart reliably: Allen's, Berylline, Calliope, Lucifer, Plain-capped Starthroat, Ruby-throated, and White-eared.

WHICH HUMMINGBIRD IS MOST COMMON IN ARIZONA?



Peak weekly frequency, statewide, 2016–2025. eBird checklist data (Cornell Lab of Ornithology).

TIMING AT A GLANCE

Put feeders up	Year-round, almost everywhere
Why	Anna's is present all 48 weeks, every region
Best diversity window	Late July–early September, sky islands
Costa's peak	March (low desert) — unlike every other species

Broad-billed is genuinely common in Cochise & Santa Cruz counties but nearly absent from Phoenix and Flagstaff — species mix shifts a lot by region.

TOP NATIVE PLANTS

Low Desert (Phoenix, Tucson, Yuma)

Chuparosa

Desert willow

Ocotillo

Fairy duster

Parry's penstemon

Sky Islands & SE Canyons

Firecracker penstemon

Desert penstemon

Scarlet hedge nettle

Desert honeysuckle

High Country

Desert columbine

Rocky Mtn penstemon

Scarlet gilia

PERFECT LITTLE SANCTUARY® — TOP ARIZONA PERFORMERS

- ✓ Palmer Penstemon — confirmed native, low-to-mid elevation favorite
 - ✓ White Yarrow — confirmed native to AZ's higher elevations
 - ✓ Indian Blanket — extremely drought-tolerant, reliable bloomer
 - ✓ Lance-Leaved Coreopsis — not native, but heat-tolerant once established
- Best planting window: **October–December** in the low desert, timed to winter/spring moisture. High country: wait for spring, after last frost.

RECORDS & RESOURCES

Vagrant records	Arizona Bird Committee
Banding & research	SABO — San Pedro House, Sierra Vista
Festival	Sedona Hummingbird Festival, late July
Found a grounded bird?	Liberty Wildlife (Phoenix) · Tucson Wildlife Center

Hummingbirds are protected under federal and Arizona state law — only a licensed wildlife rehabilitator may legally care for an injured or grounded bird.

