

4 SPECIES YOU'LL SEE

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Georgia's only nesting hummingbird, and the only one you'll see in summer. Common statewide.

BREEDER

Rufous Hummingbird

Fiery orange, famously feisty. Georgia's most common winter visitor by a wide margin.

WINTER

Black-chinned Hummingbird

The second regular winter visitor, and easily mistaken for Ruby-throated outside adult males.

WINTER

Calliope Hummingbird

North America's smallest bird. One or two are reported at Georgia feeders most winters.

WINTER

Twelve species are on Georgia's official state list. Only one nests here — nearly all the rest are cold-season visitors.

▽ MIGRATION WINDOW

REGION	FIRST ARRIVALS	HANG FEEDERS BY
Coast (Savannah, Brunswick)	Year-round	Leave up all year
South Georgia (Valdosta, Albany)	Mid-March	Early March
Piedmont (Atlanta, Macon)	Late March	Mid-March
Mountains (Blue Ridge, Rabun)	Early April	Late March

Busiest month statewide: **September**. Take feeders down about two weeks after your last sighting — except on the coast, where they stay up.

♀ FEEDER CARE BASICS

Nectar ratio	4 parts water : 1 part sugar
Red dye	Never needed
Change nectar (above 90°F)	Every 1–2 days
Change nectar (70–90°F)	Every 2–4 days
Change nectar (below 70°F)	Every 5–6 days
Pest control	No insecticide — use HummGuard™ tips

✿ TOP NATIVE PLANTS

SPRING — FIRST ARRIVALS

Coral Honeysuckle

Red Buckeye

Eastern Red Columbine

SUMMER — NESTING

Wild Bergamot

Indian Pink

Fire Pink

LATE SUMMER — MIGRATION FUEL

Cardinal Flower

Jewelweed

Trumpet Creeper

Only room for three? Coral honeysuckle, red buckeye, and cardinal flower cover the season from first arrivals to last stragglers.

★ PERFECT LITTLE SANCTUARY® — TOP GEORGIA PERFORMERS

✓ Purple Coneflower — *Georgia native*

✓ Black-Eyed Susan — *Georgia native*

✓ Lance-Leaved Coreopsis — *Georgia native*

Best planting window: **October–November**, timed to spring migration. 9 of the blend's 12 varieties need cold, moist stratification, so fall sowing works best.

❄️ GEORGIA'S SECOND SEASON

Georgia Department of Natural Resources calls **November through February** the state's second hummingbird season — more species turn up then than during the entire breeding season.

It's a **coast and south Georgia story**. Hummingbirds are reported around Savannah every week of winter; around Atlanta and in the mountains, essentially never. Have one in December? Report it to DNR's Wildlife Conservation Section: **478-994-1438**.