

5 SPECIES YOU'LL SEE

Anna's Hummingbird

Oregon's most-encountered hummingbird and its only regular winter species. Didn't live here before 1944.

RESIDENT

Rufous Hummingbird

The big migrant. Reaches the south coast in mid-February — earlier than almost anywhere in the country.

BREEDER

Allen's Hummingbird

Breeds on the south coast north to Bandon. Nearly impossible to tell from Rufous without a bird in hand.

COAST

Calliope Hummingbird

North America's smallest bird. East of the Cascades — absent from the coast and valley.

EAST

Black-chinned Hummingbird

Canyons and desert riparian, east of the Cascades only.

EAST

Nine species are on Oregon's official state list. Costa's is rare but annual in the Rogue Valley; Broad-tailed, Ruby-throated and Broad-billed are true vagrants.

MIGRATION WINDOW

REGION	FIRST RUFIOUS	RUFIOUS PEAK
South Coast (Coos Bay, Bandon)	Mid-February	Late March
North & Central Coast (Newport, Astoria)	Late February	April
Willamette Valley (Portland, Eugene)	Early March	April
Southern Oregon (Medford, Ashland)	Late February	August
East of Cascades (Bend, Burns)	Mid-April	Late July

You can watch the whole Rufous loop inside Oregon. North up the coast in spring — so the coast and valley peak in April. South through the interior in late summer — so Medford and Bend peak in July and August.

♀ FEEDER CARE BASICS

Nectar ratio 4 parts water : 1 part sugar

Red dye, honey, substitutes None — all unnecessary or harmful

Change nectar, warm weather About every 3 days

Change nectar, cool weather Every 5–6 days

Nectar freezes at About 27°F

Pest control No insecticide — use HummGuard™ tips

🌱 TOP NATIVE PLANTS

WEST OF THE CASCADES

Red-Flowering Currant

Orange Honeysuckle

Salmonberry

Twinberry

STATEWIDE

Western Columbine

EAST OF THE CASCADES

Scarlet Gilia

Native Penstemons

Plant one thing: red-flowering currant. It blooms February to April, exactly when the first Rufous arrive and while Anna's are already nesting. **Avoid butterfly bush** — a Class B noxious weed in Oregon, quarantined since 2004.

🌟 PERFECT LITTLE SANCTUARY® IN OREGON

✓ White Yarrow— *Oregon native (western varieties)*

✓ Scarlet Gilia— *Oregon native*

✓ Black-Eyed Susan— *considered native in Oregon*

✓ Columbine— *native as Aquilegia formosa*

Sow **October–November** west of the Cascades; **early spring** in the east. West-side gardeners will get more from true PNW natives; east-side conditions suit the blend better.

❄️ ANNA'S FLIPS EAST OF THE CASCADES

West of the crest, Anna's is a **year-round resident** and most conspicuous in winter — around Portland it's on more than a quarter of all bird lists even in its quietest month.

Around **Bend it's the opposite**: a late-summer bird peaking in September and thinning to a fifth of that by January. Year-round feeder west of the Cascades; April to November east.