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Hummingbirds: Small and Fast 409

Sopris West Six Minute Solutions Passage 409

Hummingbirds are the smallest birds. Their average length is about 3 inches **(long)**.

Sometimes people think they are large **(moths)** or butterflies. Hummingbirds have short legs **(that)** have tiny, weak feet attached to **(them)**. There are over 500 kinds of hummingbirds **(found)** in the United States.

Hummingbirds are **(mostly)** found in the eastern United States. **(They)** are not found anywhere in Europe **(or)** Asia. These tiny birds fly so **(fast)** their wings are a blue. They **(move)** their wings so fast that they **(can)** even fly backwards or upside-down. Hummingbirds **(can)** also hover over flowers. While they **(are)** hovering, they drink the flower's nectar **(using)** their long bills and their tongues. **(They)** fly so fast that they catch **(insects)** in the air while they are **(flying)**. They also eat insects they find **(on)** flowers.

Hummingbirds make their nests on **(leaves)** or twigs. They only lay two **(tiny)** white eggs. These eggs are less **(than)** half-an-inch long. The male hummingbird has **(nothing)** to do with building the nest. **(The)** male does not help take care **(of)** the babies either. The female hummingbirds **(is)** the only caregiver. She takes care **(of)** the babies in the nest for **(about)** two weeks. Then the hummingbirds learn **(to)** fly and leave the nest for **(good)**.



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Hummingbirds are the smallest birds. Their average length is about 3 inches (**long, in, nest**). Sometimes people think they are large (**two, moths, do**) or butterflies. Hummingbirds have short legs (**has, that, takes**) have tiny, weak feet attached to (**them, fast, the**). There are over 500 kinds of hummingbirds (**so, found, europe**) in the United States.

Hummingbirds are (**them, they, mostly**) found in the eastern United States. (**They, Hovering, Also**) are not found anywhere in Europe (**a, or, flower's**) Asia. These tiny birds fly so (**length, over, fast**) their wings are a blue. They (**using, large, move**) their wings so fast that they (**is, can, are**) even fly backwards or upside-down. Hummingbirds (**about, moths, can**) also hover over flowers. While they (**are, found, care**) hovering, they drink the flower's nectar (**short, than, using**) their long bills and their tongues. (**With, They, Even**) fly so fast that they catch (**then, and, insects**) in the air while they are (**these, flying, feet**). They also eat insects they find (**birds, flowers, on**) flowers.

Hummingbirds make their nests on (**asia, leaves, log**) or twigs. They only lay two (**of, white, tiny**) white eggs. These eggs are less (**think, than, move**) half-an-inch long. The male hummingbird has (**people, nothing, drink**) to do with building the nest. (**Upside-down, Less, The**) male does not help take care (**their, of, their**) the babies either. The female hummingbirds (**building, smallest, is**) the only caregiver. She takes care (**of, there, eastern**) the babies in the nest for (**anywhere, good, about**) two weeks. Then the hummingbirds learn (**either, female, to**) fly and leave the nest for (**can, good, while**).