



The male Ruby-throated Hummingbird has a brilliant red throat patch (or gorget) with a bronze-green back. Females are less colorful. Females construct their tiny nests out of plant bud scales held together with spider silk and decorate it with bits of lichen. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds can be attracted to a garden with red or orange flowering plants.

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Archilochus colubris

Size: Length: 4 inches, Weight: 1/10 ounce (not much more than a penny), Wing Span: 4 inches

Diet: Flower nectar (favors red tubular flowers) and small insects

Where it Lives: Only hummingbird to nest east of the North American Great Plains. Nests in eastern Texas. Some migrate from southern Canada to Costa Rica.

Reproduction: Females usually lay two 1/2 inch long, white eggs. Only the female incubates the eggs.