

ARIZONA EDVENTURES

Flying Jewels

Arizona boasts 18 species of hummingbirds* - more than any other state except Texas. Ramsey Canyon Preserve near Sierra Vista is known as the Hummingbird Capital of the U.S. because a record-setting 14 different species have been seen there in one day. This ecologically diverse area of Southeastern Arizona is one of the world's prime migration routes, where birds from the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts mingle with those of the Sierra Madre and Rocky Mountains. Early Spanish explorers called hummingbirds "flying jewels."

Connect the Dots to Discover the
Pollinator

Thanks to the wonderful work of hummingbirds and other animal pollinators, the world's flowering plants are able to reproduce and bear fruit, providing many of the foods we eat, the plant materials we and other organisms use, and the beauty we see around us.



*Black-chinned, Broad-billed, Anna's, Magnificent, Rufous, Broad-tailed, Allen's, Blue-throated, Costa's, Calliope, Violet-crowned, Berylline, Lucifer, White-eared, Plain-capped Starthroat, Cinnamon, Ruby-throated, and Bumblebee. These hummingbirds range in size from 3½" to 5¼".