

Interesting facts about the birds (Some facts about hummingbird)

1. Why is it named hummingbird?

The name [hummingbird](#) is derived from the humming sound produced by its fast-beating wings.

2. What are the characteristics of a hummingbird?

They appear in color just like gemstones. They are one of the smallest birds in the world. They need to eat repeatedly as they move their wings very fast. Their weight is less than a nickel. There is a patch on the throat of a hummingbird. They have a high metabolic rate. They generally eat nectar from various flowers and insects to fulfill their energy requirements. Some species are able to fly continuously long distances for migration. They have a long bill. The nest is just the size of a tiny cup and made of plant materials, [cobwebs](#), and [moss](#).

3. Do you know the native location of the hummingbirds?

They are native exclusively to the Americas, with most species being native to Central and South America.

4. What is the biological family of hummingbirds?

There are approximately 320 to 370 species of hummingbird that belong to a single biological family called Trochilidae.

5. Of which country is the hummingbird the national symbol?

The red-billed streamer-tail, also called the doctor bird, is the national symbol of [Jamaica](#). They are part of the Caribbean culture and art. They are seen on the coat of arms of [Trinidad and Tobago](#). They also appear on Jamaican coins and art. Trinidad and Tobago are also known as the Land of Hummingbirds.

6. What is unique about hummingbirds?

They have the incredible potential to hover in any direction like a helicopter: frontside, reverse, sideways, and upside down. Their wings beat about 80 times per second. Their heart rate is about 1260 times per minute. They are able to remember information in their minds, such as the feeder, flower, and time to refill the flower with the nectar. Their legs are not well-developed enough to walk properly.

7. What is the average life of a hummingbird?

Most species have an average life of about 3–5 years, while some can live up to 10–12 years.

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