

LMT BIRDTOWN Bird of the Month RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD

- The Ruby-throated Hummingbird beats its wings about 53 times a second.
- The extremely short legs of the Ruby-throated Hummingbird prevent it from walking or hopping. The best it can do is shuffle along a perch.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbirds prefer to feed on red or orange and purple flowers (though it's not necessary to color the sugar water you put in a hummingbird feeder). Like many birds, hummingbirds have good color vision and can see into the ultraviolet spectrum.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbirds normally place their nest on a branch of a deciduous or coniferous tree.
- Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are eastern North America's only breeding hummingbird. But in terms of area, this species occupies the largest breeding range of any North American hummingbird.
- The oldest known Ruby-throated Hummingbird was a female, and at least 9 years, 2 months.