

# Make Your Own Ruby-throated Hummingbird Feeder!

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### Natural history of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds

In the Downeast Lakes Community Forest, we have a special bird called the Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) is a small bird with a long beak, bright green back, and grey white undersides. Males sport a red throat that from a distance look like a dark patch. They have excellent flight control and maneuverability. They like open

woodlands, meadows, forest edges, and similar areas. They eat nectar.

There are ways that you can help these lovely birds! One of these ways is by making your very own Ruby-throated Hummingbird feeder to put in your backyard. Below is a step-by-step guide to how to make your own!



### Step-By-Step Guide

- ◇ Rinse out your old nonrecyclable water bottles.
- ◇ Drill a hole in the lid of the water bottle big enough that a straw could fit through.
- ◇ Insert bendy straw through the hole—secure the straw using some Elmer's Glue.
- ◇ Fill water bottle with sugar water (1 part sugar to 4 parts water).
- ◇ Screw cap back on water bottle.
- ◇ Decorate bottle with some flower petals around the cap made from construction paper!
- ◇ Hang the bottle where you'll be able to see Ruby-throated Hummingbird visitors using some 12 gauge wire.