The Hummingbird Trail was researched and designed by Judy Royal Glenn as she pursued photographing the ruby-throated hummingbird while at the Botanical Garden. The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummingbird she has seen in the garden.

The map shows 21 markers where hummers frequent within the garden. The markers show various flowers that provide the hummers with nectar. Some of the markers display various trees where the hummers love to perch. A keen eye is needed as you walk the trail. Since the hummers are so small, they could be right by you and you may not notice them. When not feeding, they can be found perching on the branches of trees and plants. Keep looking around.

How To Use This Map
Use the map as a guide as you walk through the trail. To help you better find the hummers, look for the red trail markers and corresponding photos to see a sample of a hummer at that location. This is not meant to be an exclusive list of sites.

The flowers at the markers bloom at various times of the year, and the timing of their blooms are also affected by drought and weather conditions. The next two columns show the marker numbers and when the flowers typically bloom to help you know whether hummers should be visiting that marker.

Viewing Tips
• Spend 10-15 minutes at a marker to wait for the hummers. Female hummers may be nesting a couple of times in the summer, so viewing may be less frequent.
• Constantly scan the area to see if they are perching on neighboring trees or plants.
• Hummers will chase off other hummers that come in their territory, but they will return.
• Minimal movement should be made while at the marker as movement may scare the hummers away.

Your Expectations
Level I – To see the hummers expect to spend up to 15 minutes at a marker. Level II – For casual photographing, expect to spend 15 minutes to an hour at a marker. Level III – Expect to spend up to several hours for specific photography of a hummer at a marker.

Marker Numbers: The flowers they feed on are mostly summer blooming plants and they also perch on trees. For your best viewing opportunities, visit markers: 3-5, 12, 15-20.

In The International Garden
1  Georgia Oak Tree: Perch
2  Anise Sage: Feeding
3  Pineapple Guava Shrub: Perch/Feeding
4  Yucca: Perch
Salvia: Feeding
Lantana: Feeding
Canna Lily: Feeding
Ruellia: Feeding
Bog Sage: Feeding
5  Loquat Leaf Oak: Perch
Lantana: Feeding
Blue Crown Passion Flower: Feeding
Salvia: Feeding
Mexican Beauty Berry: Feeding
Hanging plants near the outdoor patio: varied blooming times

In the Herb & Physic Garden
6  Various Purple Sages: feeding
    Velvet Mexican Bush Sage: feeding
    Lantana: feeding
Pineapple Sage: feeding
7  Red Buckeye Tree at foot bridge before the Heritage Garden: Perch/Feeding: April/May

In the Heritage Garden
8  Rose of Sharon Tree: Perch/Feeding
Ginger Lily: Feeding
9  Red and Yellow Canna Lily: Feeding
Various planted flowers: varied blooming times

In The Flower Garden
11  Upper Flower Hill -
    Various Purple Salvias: feeding
    Yerbabuena Mexican Bush Sage: feeding
    Mexican Sage: feeding
Hibiscus: feeding
Lantana: feeding
Turk’s Cap: feeding
Dwarf Butterfly Bushes: feeding
12  Rose Garden –
    Pineapple Sage: Feeding
    Zinnia: Feeding
    Red Buckeye Tree: Perch/Feeding: April/May
    Mexican Sunflower: feeding
    Various Purple Salivas: feeding
    Red Salvia: feeding
    Cleome: feeding
13  Lantana: Feeding
    Bee Balm: Feeding
    Red Hot Poker: Feeding
    Salvia: Feeding
14  Lantana: Feeding
    Canna Lily: Feeding
    Hibiscus: Feeding
15  Canna Lily: Feeding
    Lantana: Feeding
    Hibiscus: Feeding
    Vitex: Perching
    Crepe Myrtle: Perching
    Ginger Lily: Feeding
    Butterfly Bush: Feeding
16  Various cut flowers: varied blooming times
17  Canna Lily: Feeding
    Red & White Salvia: Feeding
18  Lantana: Feeding
    Butterfly Bush: Feeding
    Hagans Weeping Cherry Tree: perch
    Bee Balm: Feeding
19  Major Wheeler Trumpet Honeysuckle: Perch/Feeding: starts blooming April/May
20  Lantana: Feeding
    Dwarf Butterfly Bush: Feeding
    Blue Sage: Feeding
    Bee Balm: Feeding
    Yellow Poker: Feeding
21  Iris: Feeding
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