

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 22 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, 15-21.

In the International Garden

- 1 Georgia Oak Tree: Perch
 - 2 Anise Sage: Feeding
 - 3 Pineapple Guava Shrub: Perch/Feeding
 - Turk's Cap: 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
Pineapple Sage: Feeding
Canna Lily: Feeding



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 Ginger Lily: Feeding
- 9 Red and Yellow Canna Lily: Feeding
- Various planted flowers: varied blooming times

In The Trustees' Terrace

- 10 Various planted flowers: varied blooming times

In The Flower Garden

- 11 Upper Flower Hill -
 - Various Purple Sages: Feeding
 - Velvet Mexican Bush Sage: Feeding
 - Mexican Sage: Feeding

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



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