



Hummingbirds

Archilochus alexandri, *Selaphorus platycercus*,
Selaphorus rufus, and *Stellula calliope*

-Four hummingbird species can be found at Bandelier. Black-chinned and Broad-tailed hummingbirds are common throughout the summer and even nest within the park. Rufous hummingbirds are common during migration and Calliope hummingbirds are only occasional residents.

-Hummingbirds are unique small birds that can hover due to their figure 8 wing beats.

-Hummingbirds feed on plant nectar and small flying insects.



-Hummingbirds have long narrow bills, and even longer tongues, to reach the sweet nectar deep in a flower's throat.

-Hummingbird nests consist of pieces of plant, lichens, and moss all held together by spider webs collected by the mother. This nest is designed to

expand as the hummingbird chicks grow.

-Hummingbird moms raise their offspring alone. Males don't participate in childrearing.



-Hummingbirds usually lay two tiny white eggs each season. The eggs are incubated for 15 days.

-Hummingbirds fly south for the winter, mostly into Mexico and Central America.

