

Hummingbird Feeding Cheat Sheet

Homemade Nectar Recipe

- 1 part white granulated sugar
- 4 parts water
- Example: 1 cup sugar + 4 cups water

Instructions:

1. Heat water to help dissolve sugar (no need to boil).
2. Stir in sugar until completely dissolved.
3. Cool completely before filling your feeder.
4. Store extra nectar in the fridge (up to 1 week).

Never use:

- Honey
- Brown, raw, or organic sugar
- Artificial sweeteners
- Red food coloring

Cleaning Guidelines

- Clean feeder every 2-3 days in hot weather
- Clean weekly in cooler weather
- Use hot water only (no soap)
- Scrub well to remove mold or residue

Best Practices

- Hang feeders in partial shade
- Place near flowers or shrubs
- Put feeders out in early spring
- Keep feeders up 2 weeks after last sighting in fall

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Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Letting nectar get cloudy or fermented
- Using colored or flavored nectar
- Using soap when cleaning
- Forgetting to refill or clean regularly

Quick Tip

Migration is not delayed by feeders. They help hummingbirds fuel up for the journey!