

Hummingbirds

Amazing Fact

The bee hummingbird is the smallest living bird. It weighs less than a 5 cent coin which weighs approximately 2.6g.

Challenge

Read about hummingbirds below and answer the questions.

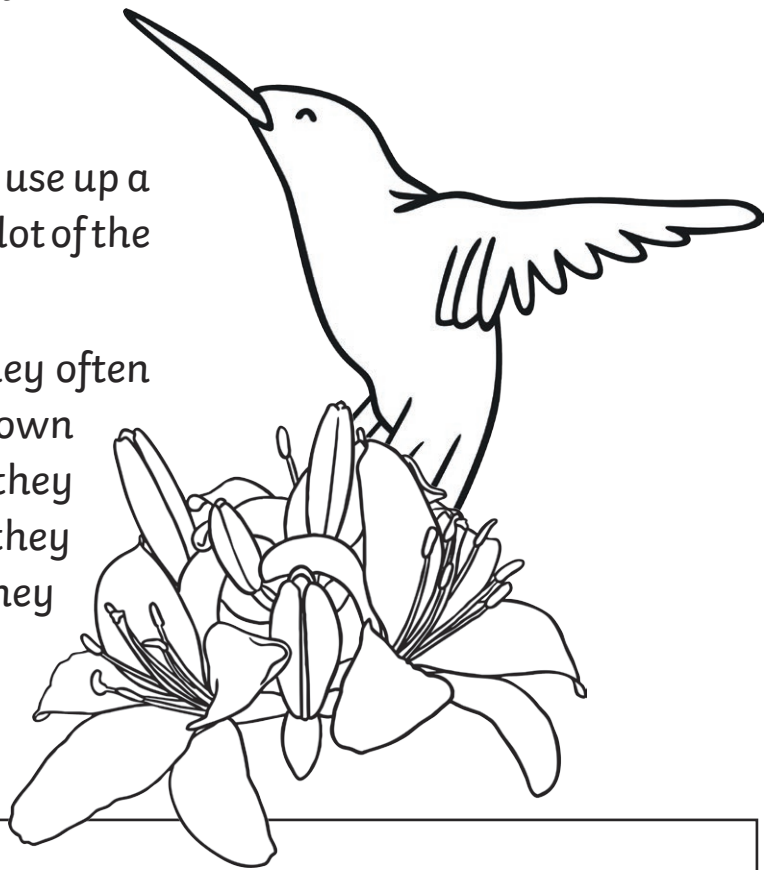
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Hummingbirds can mostly be found in North America and the rainforests of South America. They are so tiny, they cannot walk on the ground and have difficulty shuffling along a branch.

They eat the nectar from flowers but also eat insects when they need extra protein.

They flap their wings so quickly, they use up a lot of energy. This means they spend a lot of the day resting.

Because they live in the rainforest, they often get very wet. Water can slow them down and make flying very hard because they are so small. To remove the water, they shake their heads very fast and they can then carry on flying.



You could also try to find out:

- how many times per minute a hummingbird beats its wings;
- what the biggest bird on earth is;
- what the largest and smallest birds that have ever lived are.

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Hummingbirds get rid of water by shaking their heads very fast.