

Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are a tiny miracle. They race through life. They are the smallest of living avian theropod dinosaurs, eating flower nectar and insects. They are known as hummingbirds because of the sound created flapping their wings, which can reach 99 flaps per second. They must eat a great deal and hibernate when foods is scarce, slowing their metabolic rate to 1/5 its normal speed. They can fly at 54 kilometres an hour. Their eggs are the smallest of any bird. Their feet are not shaped to walk but to perch.

The Earth rotates yet we are not thrown into space. Our atmosphere protects us for solar radiation. Tides mysteriously rise and fall.

Nature is full of miracles. We are miracles. Life is as miracle. We live among miracles—that we live among miracles is a miracle itself. We rarely appreciate who and what and where we are. We are too busy being alive.