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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Bee Hummingbird

*Mellisuga helenae*

The bee hummingbird of Cuba is the smallest bird in the world: about 5 to 6 cm long, and weighing under 2 g — less than a US penny — with a nest the size of a thimble and eggs the size of a coffee be…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird
**Family:** Trochilidae
**Habitat:** Dense forests, forest edges, and gardens in Cuba and Isla de la Juventud
**Diet:** Nectarivore
**Conservation status:** Near Threatened
**Lifespan:** 5-7 years
**Weight:** 1.6–2.0 grams
**Scientific name:** Mellisuga helenae

## Did you know?

- A Bee Hummingbird's egg is about the size of a coffee bean and is one of the smallest of any bird species.
- Its nest is built of cobweb, lichen and bark, and the spider silk allows the cup to stretch as the chicks grow. A single bee hummingbird can visit we…

## What I learned

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