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Animal Fact Sheet

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Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Archilochus colubris

The ruby-throated hummingbird runs an engine almost no other vertebrate could survive. Its heart can exceed a thousand beats a minute in flight, and it burns energy so fast that it would starve overn…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Trochilidae
Habitat: Woodlands, gardens, meadows, and forest edges
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 2.0-6.0 grams
Scientific name: Archilochus colubris

Did you know?

- Despite their tiny size, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds can migrate nonstop across the Gulf of Mexico, flying over 800 kilometers without resting.
- It powers down into torpor every night, slowing its heart to a fraction of its daytime rate, because otherwise it would starve before morning. Its wi…

What I learned

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