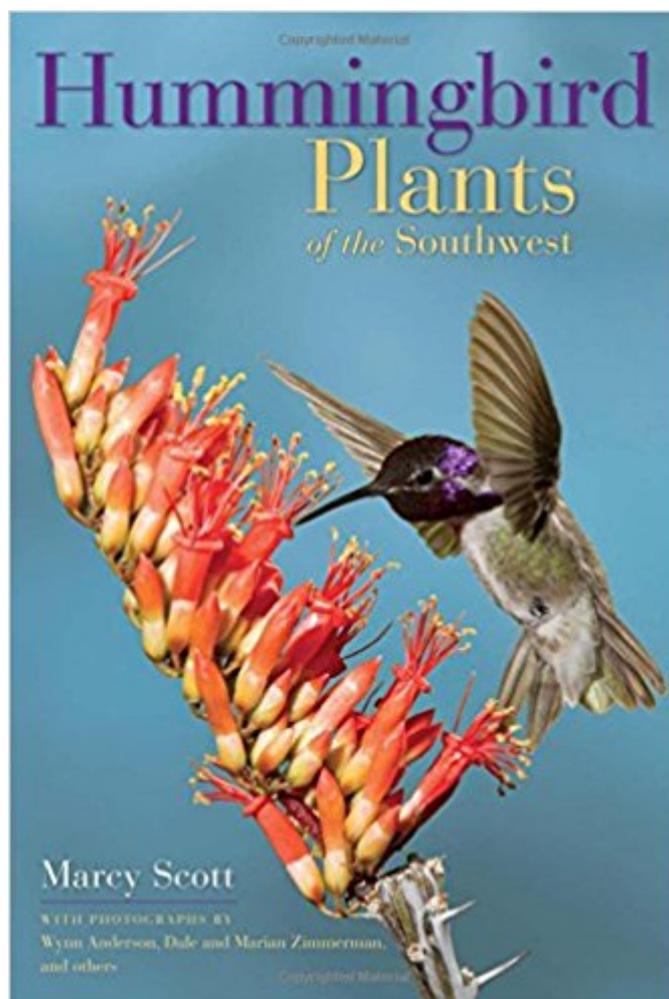


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# Hummingbird Plants Of The Southwest



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

If you want to plant a garden that attracts hummingbirds and identify them when they arrive, Marcy Scott's *Hummingbird Plants of the Southwest* is surely the definitive book on the subject. Illustrated with superb macro photography of hummingbird and plant species, the book's expertly researched plant profiles draw on the author's deep experience. The plant selections include familiar favorites such as *Salvia* and *Penstemon*, but also plants far beyond the usual suspects. I'm excited to try some of these, such as *Townsend's sage* and *woolly blue curls*, in my own garden this coming year.

--Scott Calhoun, author of *Yard Full of Sun* Few books have been written to help those wanting to

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I am really enjoying this book. I live in New Mexico, and the information is spot on for this region.

The author clearly has expertise in both plants and hummingbirds, and her writing style is lively and colorful. I am designing a pollinator garden, and this book will be my primary resource for attracting hummingbirds. The author is clearly passionate about both hummingbirds and plants. I like the depth of this book, too. It is very comprehensive, covering the ecology of hummingbirds and plants, pollination basics, and migratory bird corridors. Chapter 3 on creating a hummingbird habitat is especially helpful. It goes beyond just plants to include structural elements, water, bloom succession, artificial feeders, and safety concerns. The author does a great job of incorporating all of the features that are important to hummingbirds and their ecology.

If hummingbirds are among your favorites of all birds, if you love gardens and plants, if you live in, or travel often through the Southwest (from California to Texas, and from northern Mexico to southern Utah and Colorado), or anywhere from mountain alpine meadows to riparian corridors in deserts), and that region is your favorite place, you will want to own this book. It is the best I know of. Important features of the book: 1. Comprehensive & detailed, you will not need another book on the subject. 2. Excellent full-page, color photography of each of the 120 plants described, and accompanying each of the life histories of the 14 species of hummingbirds. 3. Written for everyone from the beginner wanting to add a single hummingbird-attracting plant to their garden, to the expert creating acres of hummingbird habitat. 4. The 334-page book is exactly what the title claims, an all-inclusive source of information on the hummingbird plants of the southwest. The book is so good you will wish it were longer, like a novel you don't want to finish reading. As it is, this is a 5-Star, very good book. I wish it had pictures of the individual plants from a distance so you could see their full shape and form, more detailed discussion of the ecosystem preferences of each species of hummingbird through the seasons and along their migrations, and additional maps of the distribution of individual plants and hummingbirds. These are minor suggestions for a future edition of a book I enjoyed very much. I lived in 3 of the states covered by the book for over 25 years, and have been interested in nature, and particularly birds and their environments since I was a boy. I purchased this book for those reasons, and am buying other copies for friends.

Great range of dry-region plants for hummers. I appreciated the detail about growing the plants--which makes it easier to know if they'll work in my landscape--and which birds frequent the plants. Most of these plants are from west of my south-central TX location but the info has allowed me to expand my hummingbird garden by knowing which ones will thrive here. And migrating

hummers are thanking me for them.

What a wonderful purchase.

Would have been nice to have more information on growing the plants in your own space.

What a great book! Beautiful photography and valuable information on plants that attract one of the most interesting birds on earth. Ms. Scott is a matchmaker of botany and birding.

This details the Hummingbirds that inhabit the Southwest and their preferred environments and plants. It is a beautiful book and one that has long been missing from the market. I did some plant research three years ago to attract NATIVE hummingbirds and was shocked to find very little at all on the subject. I did the best I could with what I have had and enjoyed some success. Now I have a guide to help me re-engineer my backyard to incorporate the features, plants and seasonality to have ready food sources for native and migratory natives. I am thrilled and couldn't put the book down. With this definitive guide, I can rearrange and plant to bring those hummingbirds in for desperately needed food and water during their migrations. I am pretty excited. So thank you Marcy for your unthinkable hours of compiling information to help us.

I found this book hard to put down. People in the Southwest are lucky to have so many different species of hummers possible, whether in our yards or in our travels. This book tells you much about their habits and makes it easier to identify and attract them to our landscapes. Each of the possible hummers is profiled by the author, an expert birder. There is so much to learn here even for old-timers, little things like the birds preferences for water sources, their diets, their life cycles, and relations to plants. The author also deftly deals with threats to the birds, like house cats and loss of habitat. The plant profiles are the core of the book. They are presented in groups such as penstemons or salvias and there is just enough information to lead one to explore the world of hummer plants but not so much as to overwhelm. Expertly written and designed. An inspiration for us to build more habitat in our yards for these little treasures.

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