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Did you know ...

• a hummingbird egg is as small as a jelly bean!
• hummingbirds eat the equivalent of 300 hamburgers, in nectar they get from hundreds of flowers each day!
• hummingbirds are the world’s smallest bird
• hummingbird flowers co-evolved with hummingbirds, which is why there are so many varieties of hummingbird beaks (bills)
• some hummingbirds fly over 2,000 miles during migration!
• hummingbirds are the only birds that can hover and fly backwards and upside down!
• a hummingbird’s heart beats as fast as 500 bpm, but can exceed 1000 bpm!
• a hummingbird can fly as fast as 50 mph!
• a hummingbird’s wing beats can be as fast as 50-200 beats per second (bps)!
• hummingbirds can live as long as 10 years in the wild