

FLOWER SHOW TODAY

THE AUGUST 1970 HIGHLANDS CASHIERS GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW, "INSPIRATIONS FROM THE GARDEN" IS BEING STAGED AT THE CASHIERS COMMUNITY BUILDING TODAY FROM 2:00 TO 9:00 P.M. ADMISSION IS FREE. THERE ARE 49 ENTRIES IN THE ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS DIVISION, AND OVER 100 IN THE HORTICULTURAL SECTION. COME TO THE FLOWER SHOW TODAY!

ROTARY ANNS TO MEET FRIDAY

The August meeting of the Highlands Rotary Ann Club will be at noon Friday (tomorrow) at the Phelps House. Sue Hall has arranged a special program which will be of great interest to all members and guests. Wives of visiting Rotarians are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD

By - Elizabeth Roe Tyson

Of all the birds which come to us for the summer, the Ruby-throated Hummingbirds seem to create the greatest pleasure. This understandable, because there are so many surprising things to be learned about them and they can so easily be attracted near our homes where we can watch their fascinating ways.

Hummingbirds are our smallest feathered creatures. Of the five hundred to six hundred species, all in the Americas and nowhere else in the world, the Ruby-throated is the only one which comes to Eastern United States. He is neither the smallest nor the largest, but from the tip of his bill to the tip of his tail he measures about three and one half inches and he weighs hardly as much as a penny. -

Our little Ruby-throated is irridescent green above, white below, the male with glowing red throat which, with a

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turn of the head he can change to jet black. The female's throat is white and she has white dots on the tip of the tail. The needle-like bill is longer than the head and the slender tongue can extend way beyond the tip of the bill into the deepest throated flowers or into your feeders for honey water.

Their wing beats are so fast, from 50 to 75 times per second, that you can see nothing but a blur. They are the only birds which can move forward, backward, up or down with equal ease. One is tempted to think that they never rest, but they usually do, usually perched on a wire or a bare branch. Perhaps it is because they are so tiny that we fail to see them as we see other birds at rest.

During the courting season when the male is trying to attract the lady of his choice he may fly before her in a perfect arc, back and forth as if he were on the end of a string, his throat glowing ruby-red. This "pendulum dance" is one of the most beautiful courting displays ever seen.

When nesting time comes the female takes all the responsibility. She builds the tiny nest with the soft wood from fern stalks fastened with the silk from spider webs. She saddles the nest on a horizontal branch of a tree, usually not more than ten or twenty feet from the ground, although sometimes the nests are found higher. There she shingles it with lichen so that it looks like a knot or a bump on the branch of the tree. When completed the little nest is about as big around as a silver dollar.

Two tiny white eggs are laid several days apart, and about twelve to fifteen days later the pink skinned babies come from the egg shells. They are so small that six of them could cuddle very comfortably in the bowl of a teaspoon. The babies usually stay in the nest about three weeks, the time depending much on the weather. A rainy period retards their growth. During all this time she feeds them on tender
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