



## How to make nectar for hummingbird feeders

### RECIPE:

4 parts water to 1 part white sugar (no sugar substitutes or honey).

### DIRECTIONS:

Mix with warm water then stir until crystal clear. Do not add red dye. It is unnecessary and there are studies that indicate it is harmful to hummingbirds.

Keep unused nectar in the refrigerator. Change the nectar every 2-3 days or more often if temperatures are warm even if hummingbirds have not consumed all of it. Nectar spoils quickly in the heat. Be sure to change the nectar any time that it looks cloudy or if ants or other insects have gotten into it.

### HINTS:

An ant moat filled with water will keep ants out of your feeder.

Keep hummingbird feeders clean. Sugar water creates mold, so just rinsing your feeders each time you fill them will not be enough to make sure they are really clean.

We recommend getting special hummingbird brushes to use in cleaning out the little holes of the feeding ports. If you get stubborn areas that won't clean with scrubbing you can soak the feeder in a very mild solution of bleach and water. Be sure to rinse very thoroughly with hot water before refilling the feeder with nectar.

If you have any questions about your hummingbirds or feeders, please email us at [info@fatfinch.com](mailto:info@fatfinch.com) or call us at (505) 977-4378.



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