

Monthly Pollen

July



Native Pollinator



Photo Credit: Tigor Nagy

Ruby Throated Hummingbird, *Archilochus colubris*.

Description: Bright emerald or golden-green on the back and crown with white-gray underparts. Males have bright iridescent red throats. Small (2.8-3.5 inches) with a slender, slightly downcurved bill and short wings.

Habitat: Open woodlands, forest edges, meadows, grasslands, and in parks, gardens, and backyards.

Nesting: 10-40 feet above ground, usually in descending branch of a deciduous tree

Foraging Habitat: Nectar from trumpet-shaped flowers and small insects.

Native Plant



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Jewelweed, *Impatiens capensis*

Description: Annual plant that grows in dense patches 2-5 feet in height with alternating toothed leaves and unscented 1 inch long bright orange to orange-yellow blossoms.

Bloom Time: July - October

Sun Exposure: Partial shade

Native Habitat: Prefers moist to wet soil, widespread low woodlands, wetlands; along streams and lakes; and in ditches.

Value: Provides food for birds, hummingbirds, and butterflies.

Fun Facts!



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Jewelweed Fun Facts!

Jewelweed has a long history of use in Native American medicine. Applied topically, the stem sap is a natural remedy to relieve itching or burning from hives, poison ivy, stinging nettle and can be even be used to treat athletes foot.

Jewelweed forms large dense stands that can outcompete many other plants - even the non-native, invasive garlic mustard!