

Hummingbirds in the Arboretum's Winter Garden

Facts compiled from *The Hummingbird Book* by Donald and Lillian Stokes

As you walk through the Winter Garden you might see hummingbirds whizzing by, hear them chirping all around you or get a glimpse of one sipping nectar.

Hummingbirds are amazing creatures!

Did you know?



A resting hummingbird takes 250 breaths per minute!

A hummingbird's heart beats 1,260 times per minute!



Hummingbirds can fly forward, backward, and flip upside down!



Hummingbirds are fiercely aggressive and will attack much larger birds, including jays, crows and even hawks!

Look around and listen. Count how many times you see or hear a hummingbird and write the number here:

In the space below draw a picture of a plant that you saw a hummingbird visit. What was it doing?

Thanks for visiting the Arboretum's Winter Garden! Come back and watch how it changes throughout the season.

Sense of Winter Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to Washington Park Arboretum! Use your senses to help you find the things listed below in the Winter Garden. Put a check next to each one as you discover it. Try to find as many as you can!

The names "Owl Eyes" and "Deer Ears" used with permission ©Wilderness Awareness School

OWL EYES

- Shiny leaves _____
- Leaves with freckles _____
- A tree with a twisted trunk _____
- Tiny leaf or flower _____
- Leaves with teeth on their edges _____
- Colored berries or fruit _____
- Peeling bark _____
- Spider web _____
- Tree from another country _____
- An insect _____
- Moss on the trunk of a tree _____
- A plant that likes the shade _____

DOG NOSE

- Three fragrant flowers
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
- BONUS:** Can you name the flowers?
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____

DEER EARS

- A bird singing _____
- Leaves blowing in the wind _____
- An animal eating- like a squirrel nibbling on a snack _____
- A frog croaking _____
- An insect buzzing _____

RACCOON FINGERS

- Soft or fuzzy leaves _____
- Rough bark _____
- Smooth bark _____
- Sticky nectar _____
- Waxy leaves _____
- Wet leaves or flowers _____