

Attract Hummingbird Moths & Bumblebee Moths



Hemaris thysbe Photo © 2004 by Marc Apfelstadt

Hummingbird Moth

Plant Native Host plants for eggs and caterpillars:

- Trumpet (or Coral) Honeysuckle trainable vine (*Lonicera sempervirens*) – also a favorite of the Ruby-throated hummingbird
- Common Chokecherry tree (*Prunus virginiana*)
- Wild Black Cherry tree (*Prunus serotina*)

Plant native nectar plants that bloom during its flight time: April-August. Hummingbird Moths prefer gardens, forest edges and meadows. See the *How Do I Do This* tab at www.backyardhabitat.info for information about how to create a wildlife habitat.

Nectar plants are listed in the links for [attracting butterflies](#) and [attracting bees](#). A list of vendors to get you started is in [Some Ohio Native Plant Sources](#). How to create a forest edge is described in [Attract Native Songbirds to your Ohio Yard](#).

Important! Keep your lawn and garden chemical free. Chemicals kill the caterpillar and moth, so go organic.

This moth hovers over garden flowers sipping nectar through a long proboscis in full sunlight, producing a buzz with its wings similar to but softer than that of a hummingbird.

Wingspan is 1¼ - 2¼". Wings are initially plum-red to brownish black, leaving clear areas.

Its Caterpillar is yellowish green, has darker green lines and a yellow tail horn. Its tiny brown cocoon burrows into the ground.



Hemaris diffinis Photo© 2006 by Marc Apfelstadt

Bumblebee Moth

Plant Native Host plants for eggs and caterpillars:

- Trumpet (or Coral) Honeysuckle trainable vine (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
- Common Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)
- Dwarf Bush-Honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*) – other honeysuckle bushes are invasive/harmful (see www.oipc.info)

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This moth flies by day and hovers on rapidly beating wings at garden flowers drinking nectar through its proboscis, rather than landing on flowers like a bee.

Wingspan is 1¼ - 2". Wings are basically clear, with dark veins, bases, and edges.

Its Caterpillar is pale green on the back with white flecks. Its 1" brown cocoon lies on the ground in leaf litter.