## **Hummingbirds Could Not Have Evolved**

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The hummingbird <u>isn't like any other kind of bird on earth</u>, so how could it have evolved? Here are some unusual facts about these creatures.

- Hummingbirds are the tiniest birds in the world.
- Hummingbirds do not flap their wings, but have <u>a unique swivel joint</u> so that their <u>wings rotate in a figure-eight pattern</u>.
- A hummingbird wings beat about 70 times per second.
- Hummingbird's wings beat up to 200 times per second when diving.
- Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly both forward and backwards.
- Hummingbirds can also hover in mid-air, fly sideways and even upside-down.
- A hummingbird's heart beats up to 1,260 times per minute.
- Hummingbirds <u>hover</u> in front of the flower and reach for the nectar using its long, slender beak. It could not reach its food without a suitable beak.
- Hummingbirds have <u>tiny hairs on the tip of the tongue</u> to help lap up nectar. Tiny, curved structures along the tongue's tip open to hold nectar, then curl up tightly after the bird swallows.
- When a hummingbird finishes with one flower, it flies backward to move away.
- A hummingbird will take about <u>250 breaths per minute</u> while at rest.
- Some hummingbirds will <u>fly over 2,000 miles twice a year</u> during migration times.



How could evolution transform any other bird into a hummingbird? How did the **hinge joint evolve**?

How did the wings change from flapping to the **figure-eight rotation**?

How did the wing-speed increase to 70 times **per second**? How did the heartbeat increase to 1,260 times per minute (21 times **per second**)?

It's easier to believe that these amazing birds were created by an Intelligent Designer than to believe they somehow evolved.

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