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My wife and I have been amateur birders for years now. On our little parcel of land, we grow more than 550 varieties of daylilies and lots of native plants that attract wildlife.

It's exciting when the ruby-throated hummingbirds arrive, feeding from the colorful blossoms of our lobelia, salvia, jewelweed and bee balm before moving on. It's amazing how they're able to keep track of every flower they've visited. We mostly see adult females and juveniles. Females don't have the ruby coloring around their throats, so it's easy to distinguish them from males.

To supplement nature's buffet, we hang nectar feeders. I love getting out there with my camera and can usually get pretty close once they're used to me, which is quite thrilling.

This little hummer was feeding from the tiny blossoms of a potted basil plant on our deck. Little did we know they have a taste for Italian cuisine!

— JOHN STAHL, BALDWIN, NEW YORK

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