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**Hummingbird Nectar Recipe**



Directions for making safe hummingbird food:

1. Mix 1 part sugar with 4 parts water and bring to a boil to kill any bacteria or mold present.
2. Cool and fill feeder.
3. Extra sugar water may be stored in a refrigerator.
4. *Red dye should not be added.*

**Related Resources**

* [All about Hummingbirds](http://nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/migratorybirds/webcam/hummingbirds.cfm)