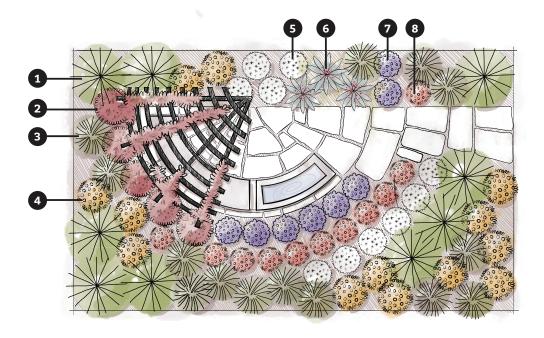


## Hummingbird Haven

Bring in a bounty of hummingbirds with plants that provide both food and shelter. Play favorites with the colors you choose: this garden should suit your tastes, too. Try to have blooms every season while hummingbirds are in your area to keep the feeding station open as long as possible.



## **HABITAT PLANTS**

- **Soft surroundings:** Large but wispy plants like ornamental grasses create a feeling of safety and the thin stems are easier for hummingbirds' tiny feet to grasp. Plant these in strategic spots around the perimeter of your garden to gently define the space.
- 2 Vertical vines: Take your hummingbird garden to a new level with a flowering vine that adds an overhead dimension to your garden space.
- **Wispy weave-ins:** Add a ribbon of a smaller foliage plant to soften the edges of walkways and wind gracefully through the space.

## **FOOD SOURCES**

- 4 5 6 8 Hummingbirds love nectar-filled flowers in bright reds, yellows, and oranges. Ones that also support other beneficial insects like pollinators create a diverse and healthy ecosystem right in your own backyard. Insects are a protein-packed food source for baby birds of all sorts and can also provide natural pest control.
- Surprised to see purple flowers in this plan? Many purple-flowering plants, including sage (also known as salvia), penstemon, and hosta, are highly attractive to hummingbirds.