



MARCH ECO-BLITZ CHALLENGE

WOLFBERRY, AKA ARIZONA DESERT-THORN



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COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD & WOLFBERRY



COSTA'S
HUMMINGBIRD

Have you ever noticed the tiny hummingbirds with the purple chests buzzing around in your yard? You may have spotted a **Costa's Hummingbird**. These small hummingbirds have a hunched posture, short tail, and wings that barely extend past their tail. They are often found in dry and open habitats such as deserts and washes and are fond of the nectar in Wolfberry blooms.

Several different species of **Wolfberry** can be found in the Sonoran desert and the *Lycium exsertum* species typically blooms in February. Wolfberry, also known as the Arizona Desert-Thorn, is a thorny, silvery-gray shrub that grows roughly six feet tall and is commonly found in washes of the lower Sonora Desert. Their flowers are white or purple and the berries are a distinctive red or orange.



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