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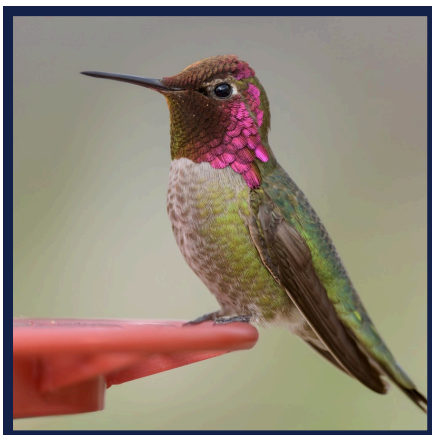


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This month we are learning all about the Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*).

Here are some fun and key facts:

- Anna's Hummingbird originated on the Baja California peninsula, but since the 1930s has expanded their range north up the Pacific Coast to SE Alaska and west to Texas!
- To attract a mate, males do a U-shaped flight display in front of a perched female, making a loud "blip" sound with their tail feathers on the down flight.
- Laying 2 tiny eggs, slightly larger than a Tic-Tac mint, in a small, camouflaged nest in a tree. If you see a baby hummer on the ground, leave it alone unless in danger, as the mother will feed and guard it until it can fly.

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