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This month we are learning all about Costa's Hummingbird (*Calypte costae*). Here are some **fun** and **key facts**:

- Costa's hummingbirds are the **smallest birds of North America**, measuring only 3 to 3.5 inches long, weighing **two to four grams**.
- Considered nectar ninjas, they use their **long slender bills, perfectly adapted for drinking nectar from plants** like wolfberry chuparosa and honeysuckle.
- **Skilled nest engineers**, designing tiny nests, measuring about 2.5 cm in diameter, which are marvels of natural engineering.

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