

# **SAFELY FEEDING HUMMINGBIRDS**

**1 CUP WHITE GRANULATED SUGAR**

(CANE PREFERRED BY HUMMERS; BEET IS SAFE)

**4 CUPS WATER**

(BOILED WILL KEEP IT FROM SPOILING AS QUICKLY IN THE FRIDGE)

**NO RAW OR ORGANIC SUGAR**

**NO TURBINADO OR BROWN SUGAR**

(THEY CONTAIN IRON, WHICH IS GOOD FOR US AND DEADLY TO THEM)

**NO RED DYE**

**NO RED COMMERCIAL FOOD**

(THE DYE IS DERIVED FROM COAL TAR AND THE DAILY AMOUNT CONSUMED BY THEIR TINY BODIES IS DANGEROUS TO THEM. COMPARE THIS TO YOUR DRINKING A WHOLE BOTTLE OF RED DYE DAILY.)

**KEEP FEEDERS CLEAN**

DIRTY FEEDERS WILL KILL THE HUMMINGBIRDS

CLOUDY WATER IS FILLED WITH BACTERIA

BLACK MOLD CAN CAUSE A DEADLY TONGUE INFECTION MAKING THE BIRD UNABLE TO EAT AND STARVE TO DEATH. MOTHER BIRDS WILL ALSO PASS THIS ONTO THEIR CHICKS.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO KEEP THE FEEDERS CLEAN AND CHANGE THE NECTAR OFTEN (DAILY IN HOT WEATHER), DON'T HANG THEM. PLANT FLOWERS FOR THE HUMMERS INSTEAD. THEY WILL LOVE YOU.

