Attract Orioles & Hummingbirds: Top 10 Tips

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The nectar-feeding season is upon us. Hummingbirds and orioles are leaving winter territories and returning to their breeding grounds. Successfully attract them with the following tips:

1. **Clean, fill, and hang feeders** two weeks before anticipated arrival: March or earlier in southern and coastal areas and in mid-April to mid-May in the northern U.S.
2. **Change nectar every three days** in warm weather. Clean your feeder with vinegar water and rinse well with each nectar change. Use brushes on hard-to-reach areas.
3. **Hang several feeders** in your yard to prevent an aggressive bird from monopolizing a single feeder.
4. **Hang red or orange ribbons** on the feeder. Hummingbirds and orioles can see these colors and will find feeders more easily.
5. **Use a feeder with bee-resistant ports** like the HummZinger.
6. **Use an Ant Moat** to deter pesky ants.
7. **Use the large-capacity** 24 oz Glass Hummingbird Feeder for adequate supply when multiple birds visit.
8. **Orioles love fresh fruit** or jam; serve it in Deluxe Fruit & Jelly Feeder.
9. **Plant nectar-producing** flowering plants, shrubs, and trees in your yard. Try honeysuckle, bleeding heart, petunia, trumpet vine, and more.
10. **Keep feeders up** for two weeks after you see your last visitors. This allows migrating stragglers to stop over at your feeders.

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