

Hemaris thysbe, commonly known as the **hummingbird clearwing**, is a moth of the Sphingidae (hawkmoth) family. Beating its wings rapidly, *H. thysbe* hovers to collect nectar from a variety of flowers. The combination of its appearance and its behavior commonly leads to it being confused with a hummingbird or bumblebee. Found in a large portion of the United States, with a range extending from Alaska to Oregon in the west and from Maine to Florida in the east, it is a migratory species and is most common in the eastern United States. As a caterpillar, it feeds on honeysuckle and several types of fruit trees.

*Flap wings 30 times/second

*Fly 30 mph

*Only live 5-10 weeks

*They sound just like real hummingbirds!



Real Hummingbirds....

*flap wings 80 times/second

*average 30 mph

* can fly up to 60mph during courtship!