



AURORA POLLINATOR FESTIVAL

PHILLIPS PARK ZOO, JUNE 25TH, 2022

Food Trucks - Beer Garden - Pop-up Farmers Market
Family Activities - Pollinator Partners - Plant Sale

DBC and the Aurora Pollinator Festival

In spite of a very windy, stormy start, the inaugural Aurora Pollinator Festival was a big success for all participants, including DBC!

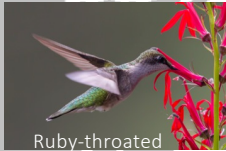
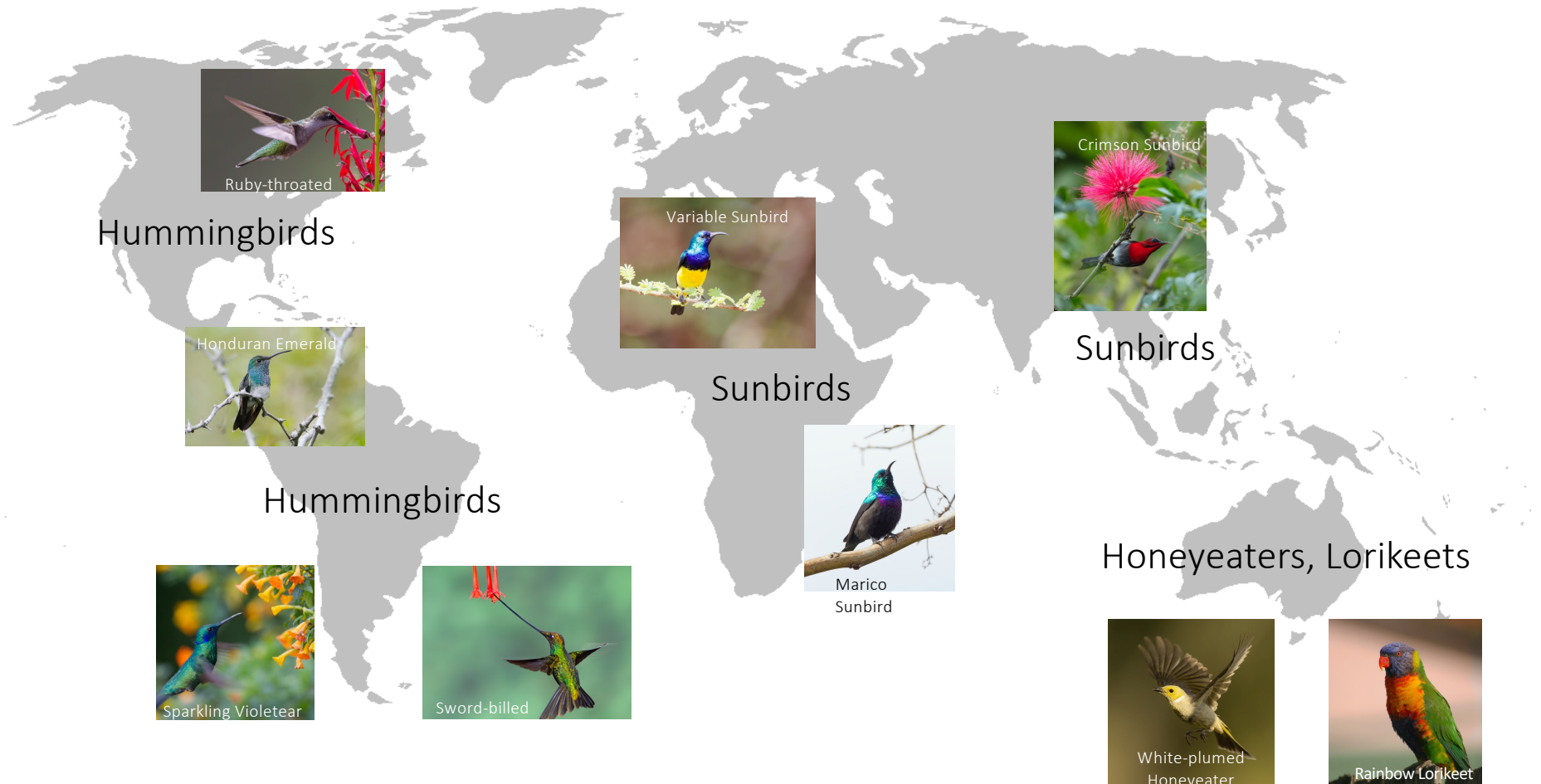




Sirimon and Surasak shared information about Bird Pollinators of the World with visitors and offered a gift of a small Salvia to the little ones!

And, they distributed many DBC brochures and checklists, answering questions about the club.

BIRD POLLINATORS AROUND THE WORLD



Ruby-throated

Hummingbirds

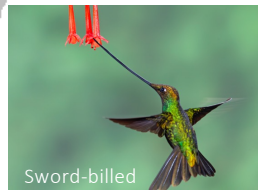


Honduran Emerald

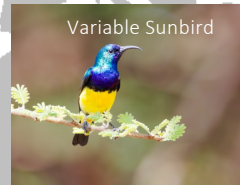
Hummingbirds



Sparkling Violetear

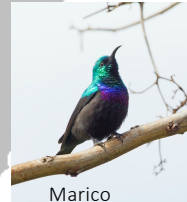


Sword-billed

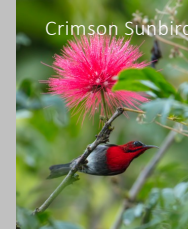


Variable Sunbird

Sunbirds



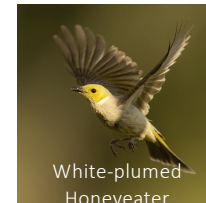
Marico Sunbird



Crimson Sunbird

Sunbirds

Honeyeaters, Lorikeets



White-plumed Honeyeater



Rainbow Lorikeet

PHOTOS

Hummingbirds: Ruby-throated, Honduran Emerald, Sparkling Violetear, Sword-tailed - Larry Master (www.masterimages.org)

Sunbirds: Variable, Marico, Crimson - Larry Master (www.masterimages.org)

White-plumed Honeyeater - JJ Harrison (www.jjharrison.com.au)

Rainbow Lorikeet - Louise Docker

Using a hummingbird hat and flower, cleverly-designed and expertly-crafted by Katherine Howard, Bob Fisher demonstrated how hummingbirds drink nectar, inspiring many little ones to experience what it's like to be hummingbird, too!





Kids also “helped” little paper hummingbirds pollinate flowers, by dipping the bird’s beak into the pollen (glitter) inside one flower, then passing the glitter on to the neighboring flower.

They were welcome to take a little hummingbird home to show their friends how amazing the birds are!

Andie Duffy, Natalie McFaul, Jackie Tilles, Di Lan Johnson, and Bob Fisher amazed visitors with fun facts about hummingbirds, and, for example, challenged them to guess the weight of the birds.



And hopefully everyone learned a little more about Why Bird Pollinators Matter!

Why are bird pollinators important?

Birds help fertilize plants in the same way as any other pollinator—by transferring pollen from one flower to another as they flit between plants feeding on nectar.

In tropical regions, they help pollinate a few food crops, including bananas, papaya and nutmeg.

Birds are not known for pollinating food-growing crops, but this does not mean that they are not important. If it were not for the assistance of birds, many plant species would be in danger of extinction.

Therefore, they help maintain diversity.

How does a hummingbird help with pollination?

When a hummingbird visits a flower to drink its nectar, it inadvertently picks up pollen and transports it to another flower.



Photo: Sparkling Violetear Hummingbird, Larry Master (www.masterimages.org)