

British Nature Guide

American Birds big and small. Pelican and Hummingbird.



American Brown Pelican

This Pelican has a bill that grows up to about 40 cm in length.

This Pelican has a wingspan of up to 2 metres.

This Pelican weighs as much as 5 kilograms. A little more than two bags of sugar.

This Pelican eats fish.



Anna's Hummingbird

This Hummingbird has a bill that is less than 3 cm in length.

This Hummingbird has a wingspan of only 12 cm.

This Hummingbird only weighs about 6 grams. About the same as a pound coin.

This Hummingbird drinks nectar.

The Hummingbird flaps its wings so fast that you can hardly see them. It buzzes from one flower to another taking a sip of nectar from each. In America people put sugar water feeders outside their houses to encourage Hummingbirds to visit them.

Hummingbirds need to feed every day. In the winter when there are not many flowers in North America they fly south to the warmer climates of Central America.

The Pelican flaps its wings slowly and will often glide over the water. It catches fish by opening and then closing its huge bill under water. The bill can hold two gallons of water. It squeezes the water out and swallows any fish it has caught.

American Brown Pelicans fish in the sea and can be found on the east and west coasts of North America. They live there all year round.