



*How fast do a hummingbird's wings beat? The answer is more than 20 times per second. Multiplied by one minute, that number soars to 1200. In one hour, a hummingbird may beat its wings a staggering 72,000 times. In this painting a male Rufous*

*hummingbird has been briefly resting on a sunny limb—before dashing off again to refuel on calorie-rich nectar. My goal as an artist was to try to capture some of that energized motion with brushstrokes.*

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*Rufous Hummingbird*  
Oil on linen, 6.75 x 11.75