

H♥NEY'S BABIES

Because Everything Good
Has a Beginning

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May 21, 2020

I'm so excited. A hummingbird I named "Honey," has built her nest in our butterfly bush. The nest is about shoulder high so I have a good view of the egg in the nest. I've been watching her buzz back & forth all day adding "fluff" to her nest. Can't wait to see a tiny baby! ❤️

May 22, 2020

Mrs. Hummingbird has been super busy all day covering her nest with lichen. Nature's camouflage at it's best. Still only one egg. They usually lay two eggs. ❤️





May 23, 2020

This morning I watched as Honey wiggled around and laid her second egg. 😊



June 8, 2020

Afternoon photo-op of our Hummingbirds! I had to snap this quick cause the Mother came flying at me! 😳 😊



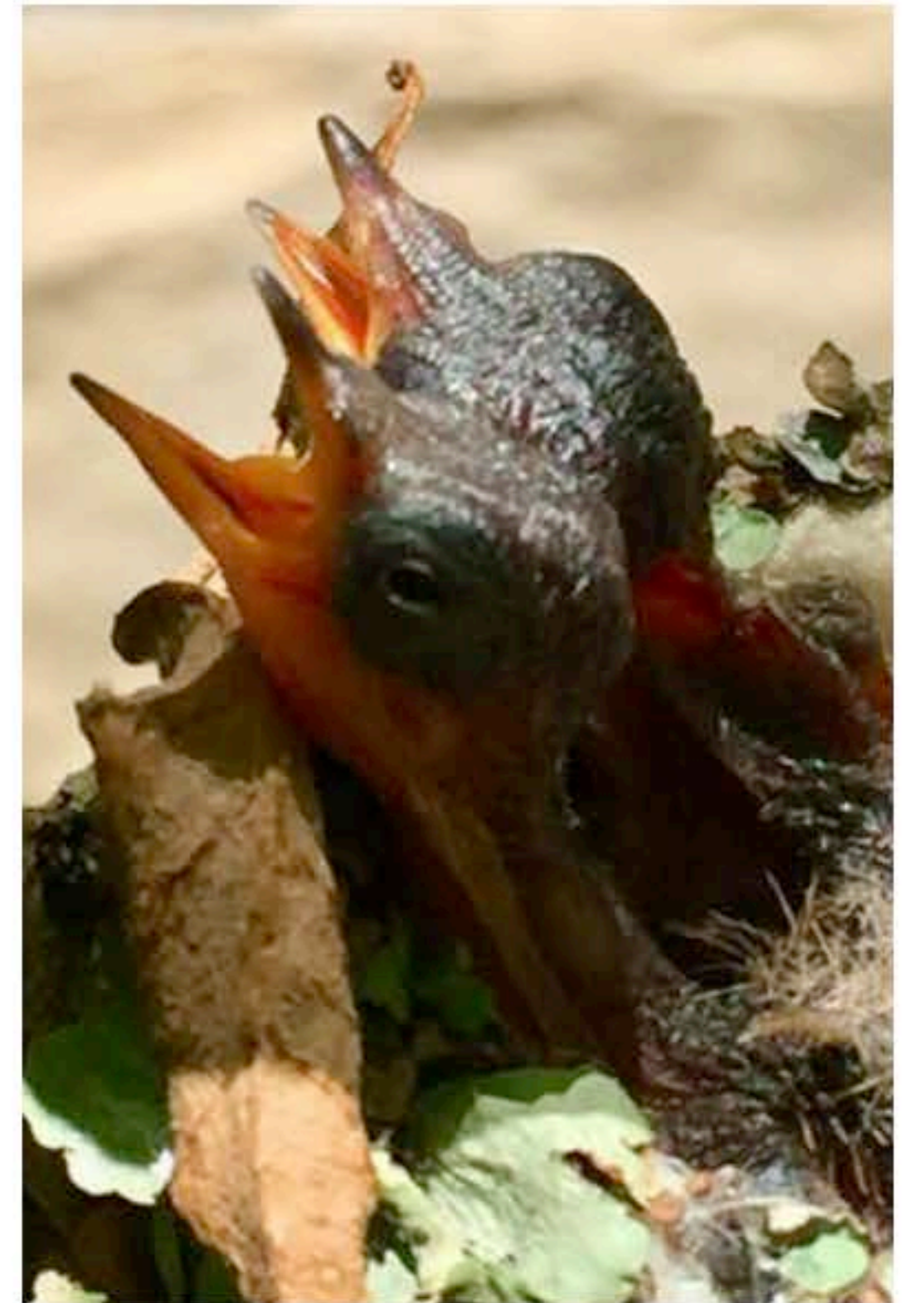
June 12, 2020

Honeybee and Honeybun
are feathering out nicely!
They are sleeping & I can't
see much difference today.
You can, although, see the
little wing on the one bird
on the top of the picture. ❤️





June 14, 2020



June 17, 2020

Honeybee and
Honeybun: Day 10.

Sleeping again.

But, I did notice the
beaks are starting to get
longer and their pin
feathers have popped
out even more. ❤️❤️.



June 17, 2020





June 18-19, 2020



June 21, 2020



June 22, 2020



June 25, 2020

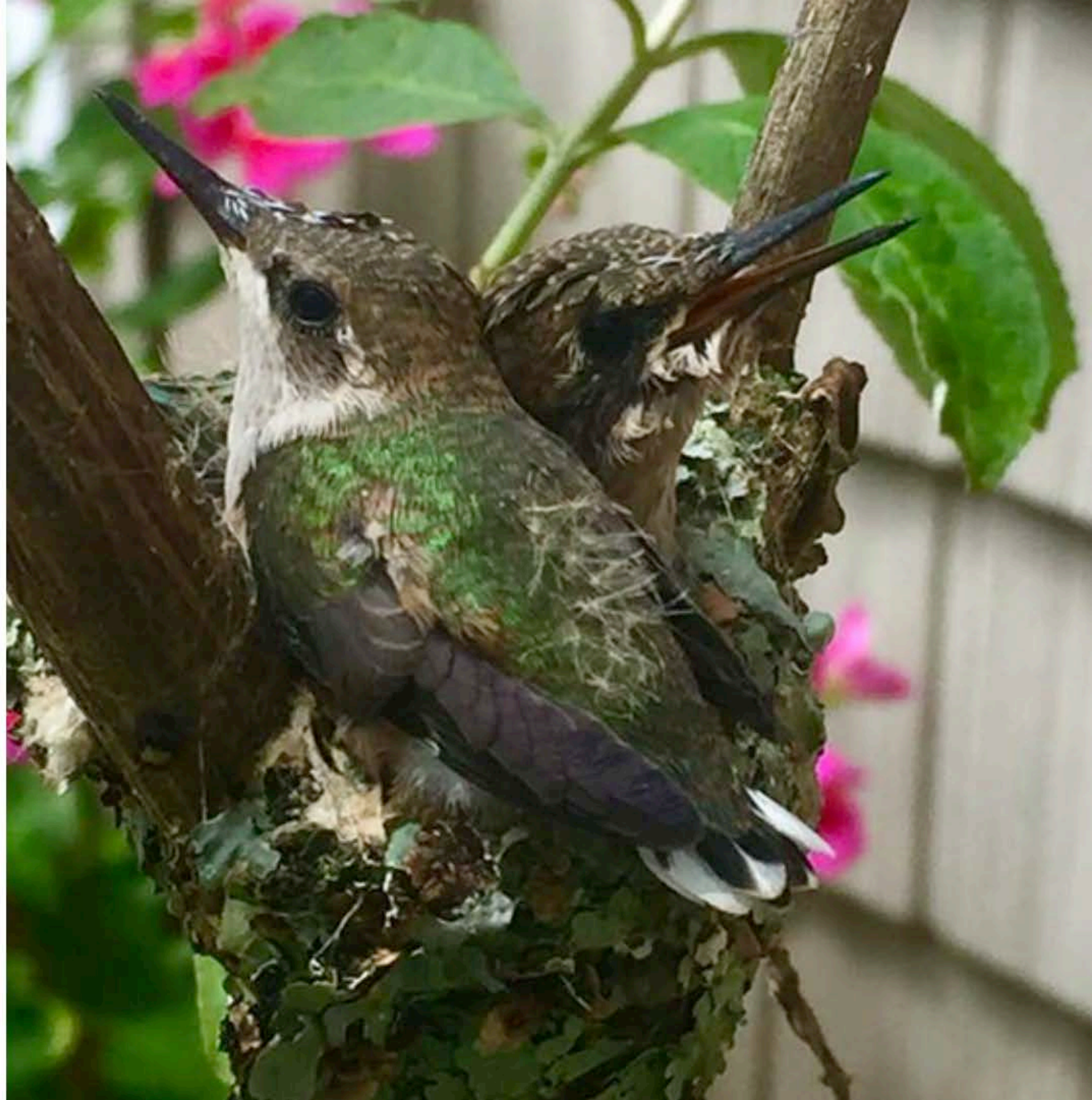


June 27, 2020

I have seen Honey feed them but have not been able to capture it in a photo or on a video. She flies away as soon as she see me. She must have just feed them in these photos because one has it's neck stretched out after getting an insect or nectar from Mom. 💚



June 27, 2020





Well, we had another horrendous storm last night. In my zealous attempt to keep my Hummers safe, I covered them with too much plastic. During the storm I looked out and saw to my horror that the rain has been caught up in some of the plastic and was weighing the butterfly bush waaaay down. I ran outside in the storm and found the Hummers almost hanging upside down in their nest. I hurriedly cut a lot of the plastic off leaving some over the Hummers. The branch was still bent way over so I decided to find a bigger stick to stake it up. Stick was found but could not hold branch from bending over & pound in stick at same time. Recruited one grumbling husband to join me outside in the pouring rain & thunder storm to pound in stick to keep baby Hummers safe & dry. Pound &"#%, pound #£!~\$ and mission accomplished. Thanks Rick!!!



Babies were kept dry and did not even flinch at all the plastic flapping, pounding & swearing! They looked bigger & more beautiful than ever this morning & Honey was flying around me as I took these photos. I notice Honey add some new white "fluff" to the nest. Maybe to soak up some of the water from the rain? 😊



June 30, 2020





**WITH
GRATITUDE**

Never in a million years did I think I
would be able to go through this
wonderful experience most people
never see & experience.
I am sooooo glad so many of my friends
are able to go through
this beautiful journey with me and
share my precious photos.



—Linda Jillson Ricca

ENDNOTE

I first saw these incredible images of Honey's family on Linda's Facebook page and wanted to share them with others in our garden club. So I asked Linda if I could prepare a document to share her story.

Thank you Linda for your permission to design with these precious images.

— Andrea Stork, designer



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