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Bananaquit



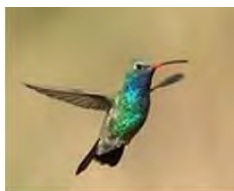
Hummingbirds don't stand a chance when bananaquits descend upon a traditional hummingbird feeder. They are tiny birds that you expect to see in tropical and subtropical forest areas, but you will also find them at feeders and in flower gardens. They love sugar.



It wasn't until the 21st century that molecular genetics determined that bananaquits were in the tanager family, Thraupidae.

There are 41 currently recognized subspecies, many of which are found in the Lesser Antilles and other Caribbean islands. On some of the islands, the birds have evolved slightly different coloration, and on some islands, including St. Vincent and Grenada, they are black—but still easily recognized as bananaquits.

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