

HUMMINGBIRDS

5 Species in Oregon

Hummingbirds **pollinate flowers** by passing pollen from one flower to the next when feeding on the nectar they sip while hovering in midair. Hummingbirds primarily pollinate flowers with tubular shapes to accommodate the bird's long beak.

Hummingbird-pollinated flowers produce large quantities of nectar at one time compared to insect-pollinated flowers, making frequent visits unnecessary.

FLOWER PREFERENCES

Flower Color:

Hummingbirds prefer flowers that are orange yellow, and red.

Scent:

Since hummingbirds have a poor sense of smell, scent is not necessary for these flowers.

Flower Shape:

Hummingbirds prefer long, narrow flowers with central tubes designed so the hummer has to stick its long beak inside, brushing its head and body against the flowers' reproductive organs.

Flowers: Honeysuckle, trumpet vine, salvia, columbine

Photo:

Tiny Wings

