



HUMMINGBIRD

Since most birds have a poor sense of smell, they are attracted to flowers by the shape. Most flowers visited by birds are tubular in shape with petals that curve outward. Most birds also prefer flowers that are bright red, yellow, or orange, and have strong supports for perching. Hummingbirds are a common pollinator in Illinois. When hummingbirds thrust their long, slender bills into flowers for nectar, their faces are dusted with pollen.

