



Flowers Pollination by Large Carnivore

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The **Ethiopian wolf**, a rare and **endangered** species, acts as an **unexpected pollinator**, challenging traditional views on **plant-pollinator relationships**.

- The Ethiopian wolf **feeds** on the **nectar** of Ethiopian **red hot poker flowers**, potentially aiding in pollination by **transferring pollen on its muzzle**.
 - The Ethiopian red hot poker is a **red and yellow colored flower** that produces a **sweet nectar** attracting a host of pollinators.



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- **Ethiopian Wolf:**
 - It is a specialised **rodent hunter** in the **Afroalpine ecosystem**.
 - **Afroalpine ecosystems** are unique **high-altitude regions of Africa**, particularly in the **Ethiopian Highlands** (3200 meters above sea level, cold and harsh climate).
 - It is about the size of a **large dog**, with a **reddish coat, white markings** on its throat and chest, and a **black bushy tail**.
 - With fewer than **500 alive** today, it is Africa's most **endangered carnivore**.
 - It lives **only in Ethiopia**, in high-altitude "**sky islands**" above the tropical forests.
 - Sky Islands are **isolated mountains** surrounded by radically different lowland environments.
- **Other Carnivore Pollinators: Bats** are nectar-eating pollinator mammals.

- Small carnivore species such as **civets or mongooses** do pollination.
- Omnivorous bears, such as **sun bears**, may eat nectar too.

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