



***Clermontia pyrularia* and 'I'iwi**

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The *Clermontia pyrularia* is in the bellflower family, a family of plants noted for their beautiful flowers. Endemic to the Island of Hawai'i, it is found on the northeastern slopes of Mauna Kea.

Native birds, such as the 'I'iwi play an important role in the pollination of Hawai'i's native plants due to the fascinating biology of coevolution. Notice how the curved bill of the 'I'iwi matches the curved flower of the *Clermontia*. As the 'I'iwi drinks nectar, a dusting of pollen will travel with the bird to the next flower it visits.

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