

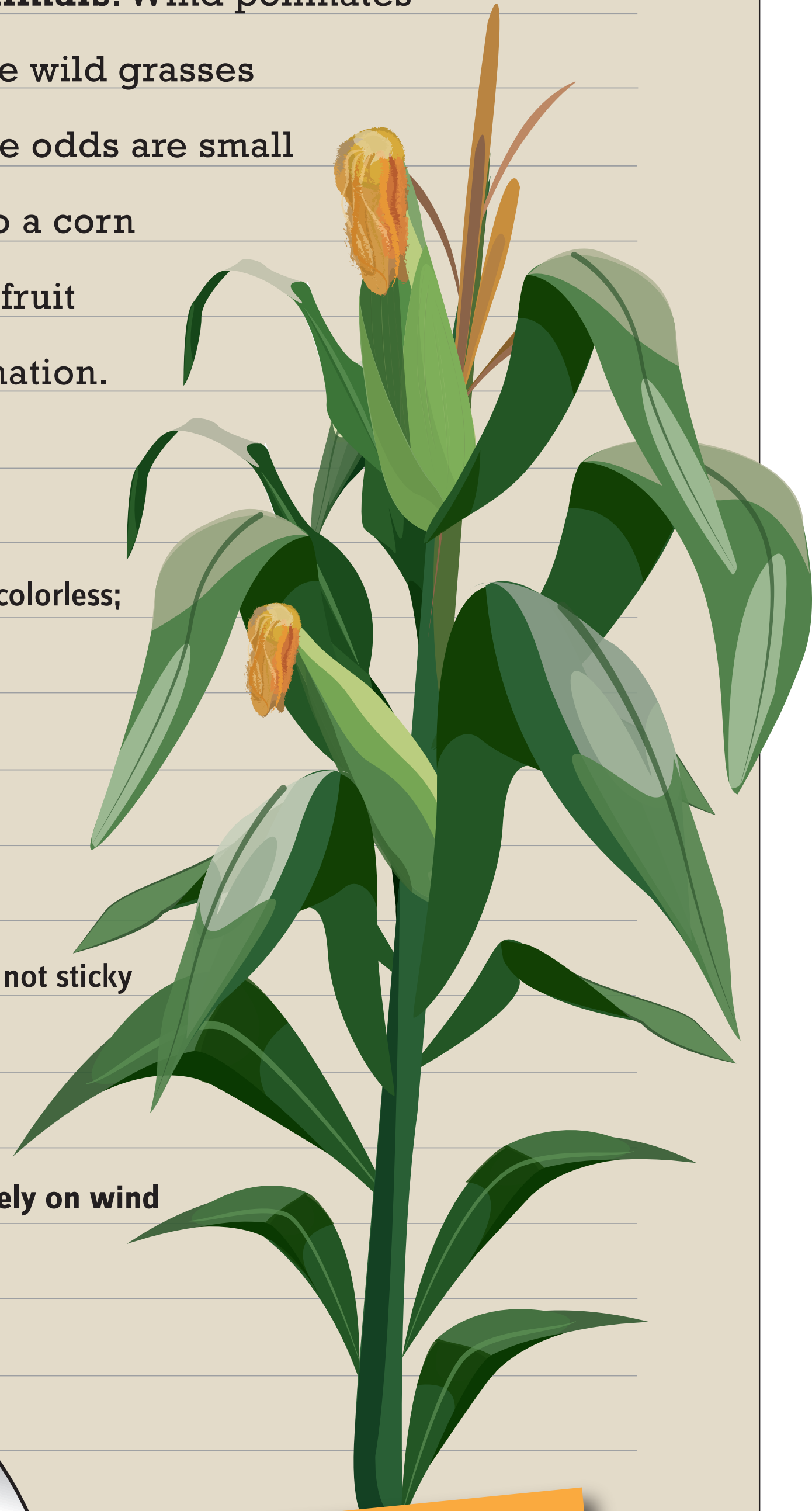
Pollinator Profile: Wind

Not all pollination relies on the animals. Wind pollinates grains, most nuts, many trees, and the wild grasses that provide forage for livestock. The odds are small that a pollen grain will find its way to a corn silk but each kernel of corn is a tiny fruit resulting from successful wind pollination.

Favorite Flowers

- ✓ **Flower Color:** Dull green, brown, or colorless; petals absent or reduced
- ✓ **Nectar Guides:** Absent
- ✓ **Odor:** None
- ✓ **Nectar:** None
- ✓ **Pollen:** Abundant; small, smooth, and not sticky
- ✓ **Flower Shape:** Regular; small and stigmas exerted

Wheat, corn, rice, barley, oats, rye, and millet rely on wind for pollination.



Do you know that other elements play a role in pollination?

Water usually destroys pollen grain. But in some unique cases, water carries pollen from one plant to another.

