



**Sword-billed Hummingbird**  
Longest Beak (For Body Size)

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**Range:**

**Animal name:** Sword-billed hummingbird

**Scientific Name:** *Ensifera ensifera*

**Type of animal:** Bird

**Habitat:** High elevations in the Andes

**Size:** 5 in (13 cm) body with 3-4.5 in (8-12 cm) bill

**Status:** Least concern

**Facts:** The sword-billed hummingbird, also called a swordbill, is known for its exceptionally long bill. All birds preen their feathers to keep them clean and healthy. The sword-billed hummingbird's bill is so long that it can't use it to preen themselves like other birds. Instead, it has to use its feet. While the swordbill's bill isn't good for preening, it is good for getting nectar down at the bottom of tubular-shaped flowers. The swordbill is especially important in pollinating this type of flower because other birds and insects can't reach.

