

Our Pollinator Flower Friends

Birds

- visit flowers during the daytime
- use their beaks to reach inside flowers to drink nectar
- do not rest on the flower petals to eat
- have good vision but a poor sense of smell
- are attracted to bright colors, like red or orange



Beetles

- Are attracted to flat or bowl-shaped open flowers or clusters
- crawl around on the flower and may feed on the pollen
- Like flowers that are white, to yellow or green with a strong scent
- Pollinate 88% of flowering plants



Bees & wasps

- visit flowers during the daytime
- land on the flower petals to gather pollen
- are attracted to sweet smelling flowers
- seek bright colors, like yellow, blue, and violet.
- can see colors in the UV spectrum



Butterflies

- visit flowers during the nighttime
- use their long mouth parts to reach inside flowers to drink nectar
- do not rest on the flower petals to eat
- are attracted to flowers that are pale colors, or white
- are attracted to sweet smelling flowers



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Moths

- visit flowers during the nighttime
- use their long mouth parts to reach inside flowers to drink nectar
- do not rest on the flower petals to eat
- are attracted to flowers that are pale colors, or white
- are attracted to sweet smelling flowers



Flies

- visit flowers during the daytime
- land on the flower petals to gather pollen
- are attracted to flowers that smell like rotting meat
- Like flowers that are low to the ground
- like flowers with pale colors with dark brown or purple patches



Bats

- visit flowers during the nighttime
- land on the flower petals to feed on the nectar deep inside the flower
- are attracted to large flowers with strong smells
- like to visit flowers that are white because they are visible at night



Other pollinators: Field mice, ants, lizards, humans