

Pollinator Field Guide for Kids

Look closely! These garden visitors help plants grow.

Pollinators move pollen from flower to flower.
That helps plants make seeds, fruits, and more flowers.



Bumblebee

What it needs: pollen, nectar, shallow water, and flowers from spring to fall

When it visits: daytime

Look for: a fuzzy body and a buzzy buzz



Hummingbird

What it needs: nectar, tube-shaped flowers, perches, and water

When it visits: daytime

Look for: a long beak and very fast wings



Butterfly

What it needs: nectar, sunny flowers, puddles, and leaves for caterpillars

When it visits: daytime

Look for: colorful wings and a gentle flutter



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Some visitors come by day. Others come by night.

A healthy garden offers food, water, and shelter in every season.



Moth

What it needs: pale night-blooming flowers, sweet scent, and shelter

When it visits: evening and night

Look for: soft wings and quiet nighttime flights



Ladybug

What it needs: leaves, tiny insects to eat, water, and safe shelter

When it visits: daytime

Look for: a round shell with spots

Helpful job: eats garden pests

Other Helpful Garden Visitors



Hoverfly: likes nectar and daytime flowers



Beetle: crawls through blossoms



Spider: helps protect the garden

Not every visitor pollinates, but many help the garden.

All Pollinators Need



- flowers in every season



- shallow water



- safe shelter



- places to rest



- fewer pesticides