

POLLINATORS:

NATURE'S SMALL SUPERHEROES

Who am I?

Can you guess the pollinator by solving these clues?

1 The buzz you hear when I approach is the sound of my four wings moving.

2 I live in a hive or colony.

Answer: bee

1 My lifecycle consists of 4 stages, which include caterpillar and pupa.

2 I'm known for my delicate and beautifully decorated bright wings.

Answer: butterfly

1 I often get confused for my colourful relative, the butterfly.

1 I have a long beak and tongue to draw nectar from flowers.

2 I have a hairy body and I am mostly active at night.

Answer: moth

2 I am the only bird that can fly backwards.

Answer: hummingbird

Pollinators help fruits, veggies, plants and flowers grow

Pollen is a powdery substance that helps plants make seeds!

Pollination is when pollen gets spread around by wind, water and pollinators.

Butterflies, moths, birds, bats, beetles, flies, small mammals, and (*most importantly*) bees are pollinators.

When pollinators visit a flower to drink a sweet liquid called **nectar**, the pollen sticks to their bodies, where it is carried from one plant to another.

Make a bee bath

Just like birds need water, so do bees and other pollinators! Make a bath for thirsty bees so they have something to land on before taking a sip. You'll need:

- a shallow dish
- stones, rocks or marbles
- plant pot
- fresh water

Don't forget to change the water daily!



Setting up the bath

Find a shady spot in your garden. Turn your pot upside down and place the dish on top. Add your stones, rocks or marbles to the dish and fill it with enough fresh water so that the stones aren't submerged.