

# Pollinators



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# What do these creatures have in common?

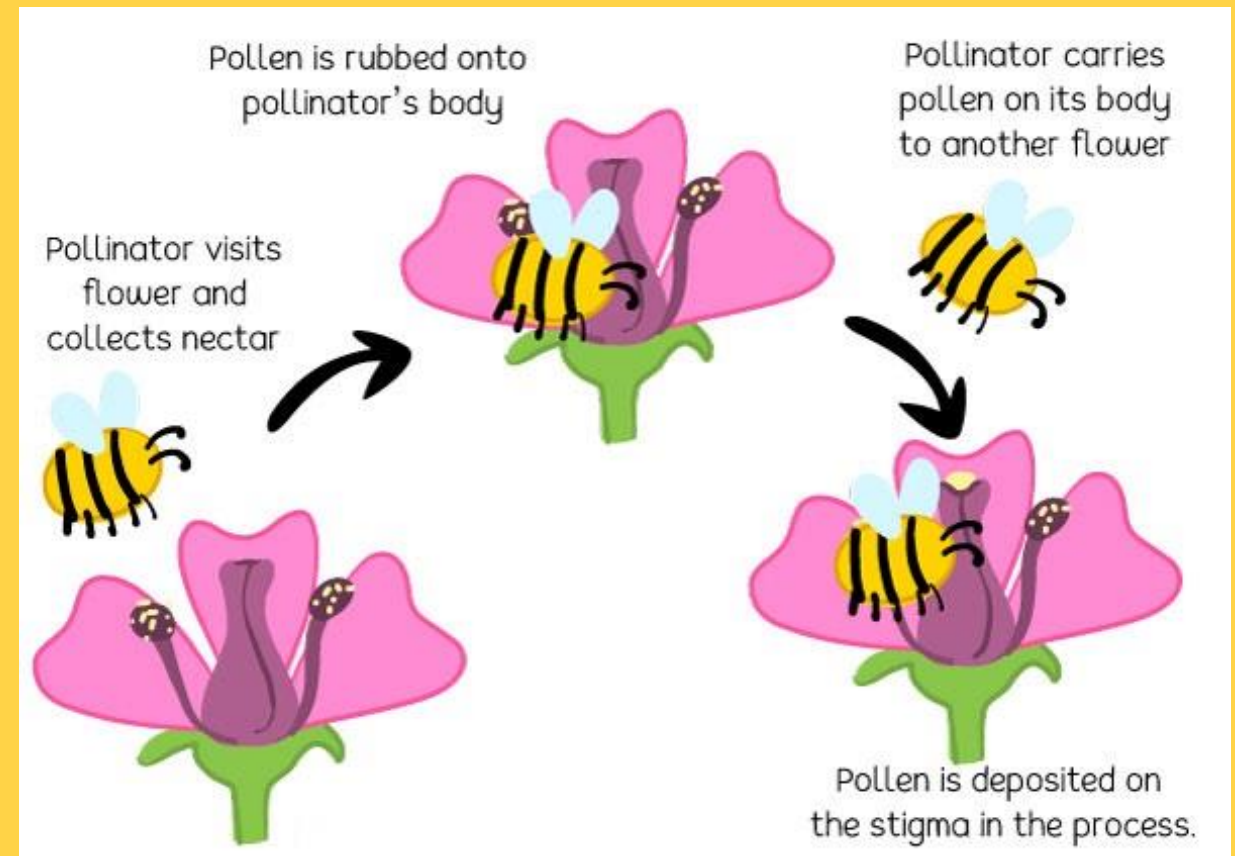
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# What are Pollinators?

Animals that help plants grow by pollinating them:

1. They visit a flower to drink the nectar
2. Pollen sticks to their body
3. They carry that pollen to the next flower they drink nectar from
4. That pollen helps plants to continue to grow

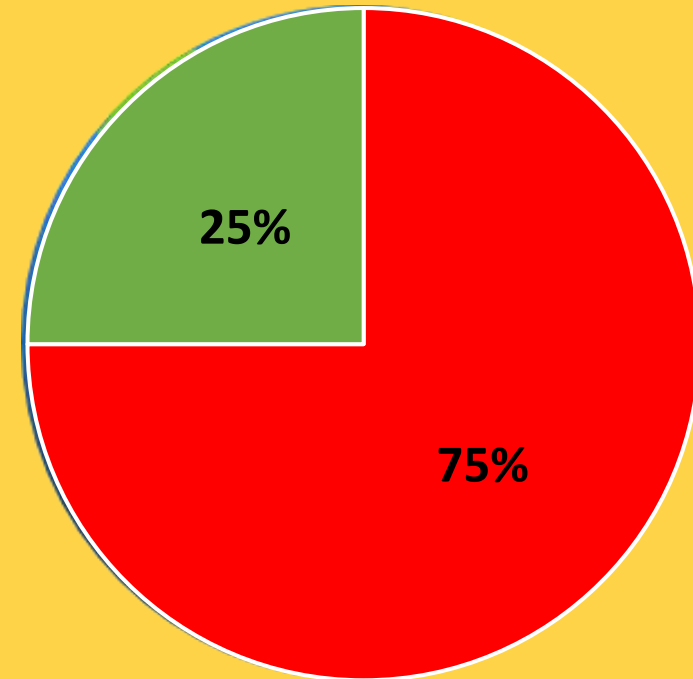


# Why are Pollinators Important?

They help a lot of the food we eat grow. Without pollinators we wouldn't have:

- Chocolate
- Pumpkins
- Watermelons
- Almonds
- Apples
- Blueberries
- Peaches
- Kiwi
- Melons

A World Without Pollinators



■ Food that needs pollinators

■ Food that doesn't need pollinators

# How People Effect Pollinators

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1. Habitat loss



2. Ruining their habitat



3. Pesticide poisoning



# How we can Help Pollinators

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1. Plant a pollinator garden
  - Use native flowers that are different shapes and colours
2. Provide habitat for nesting and egg-laying
  - Shrubs and tall grass
  - Fallen branches and tree bark
  - Small patches of soil
3. Don't use pesticides



# Any Questions?

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# Activity Time!

We're going to make little bee hotels

**Step 1:** Place your paper straws, bamboo tubes or stems into your container

**Step 2:** Cover/paint the outside of the container so it's dark inside for the bees

**Step 3:** Decorate your bee hotel

**Step 4:** Attach a string so you can hang it up outside

Important note: keep bee hotel protected from rain and snow in the winter. The inside should always be dry.



# Contest Details – Due May 1, 2023

Write a postcard to your favourite pollinator!

Step 1: pick a pollinator

Step 2: fill in the blanks

**“Thank you [pollinator name] for [blank]. I will [blank] to protect you!”**

Step 3: decorate the front of your postcard with a drawing of your pollinator

**Don't forget to write your name and grade on your postcard!**

Thank you  
bumblebees  
for helping  
cucumbers  
grow. I will  
plant a flower  
garden to  
protect you!



Benjamin  
Bumblebee  
567 Wildflower  
Road  
Duncan, BC

# The Prize – A Pollinator Pack

