Meet the Pollinators

Little visitors. Big wonders.



Meet four flower visitors

Pollinators carry pollen. Pollen is a tiny powder that helps flowers make seeds.



Native bumblebee
A round, fuzzy bee.

Hoverfly
A fly that can hover.

Flower beetle
Hard covers protect its wings.

Hawk moth
A moth that can hover to sip.

Ants sometimes pollinate flowers. Many ant visits do not move pollen well.

Who am I?

Ask a grown-up to read. Draw a line from each clue to its visitor.

I am a round, fuzzy bee.	○ **Flower beetle**
I am a fly that can hover.	○ **Hawk moth**
I have hard wing covers.	○ **Native bumblebee**
I am a moth that can hover.	○ **Hoverfly**

Look again

Point to the beetle on page 2. Which visitor would you like to see?

For grown-ups: answers are on page 5.

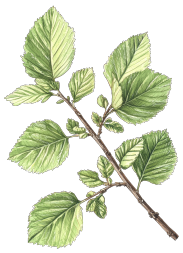
Watch, wonder and draw

With a grown-up, watch flowers for five minutes. Look without touching.

Draw a visitor and its flower.

Give tiny visitors a winter home.

Leave fallen leaves and old stems in a sheltered spot. Draw that spot below.



For grown-ups

Designed for children ages 4-7. Read and explore with a grown-up.

Print on US Letter paper (8.5 x 11 inches), portrait, at actual size (100%). These pages are printable, not fillable. Write or draw by hand.

Illustrations introduce broad visitor groups; they are not a species identification key.

Delay spring cleanup until later in your local season. Many insects overwinter in leaves, stems or soil. If no visitors appear, try another day.

Matching answers (page 3)

1: native bumblebee; 2: hoverfly; 3: flower beetle; 4: hawk moth.

USDA: Pollination

Xerces: Pollinators

Xerces: Winter shelter

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