



Pollinator hall of fame

Did you know that there are 1,500 pollinator species in the UK? In some parts of the world, lizards and bats act as pollinators too!

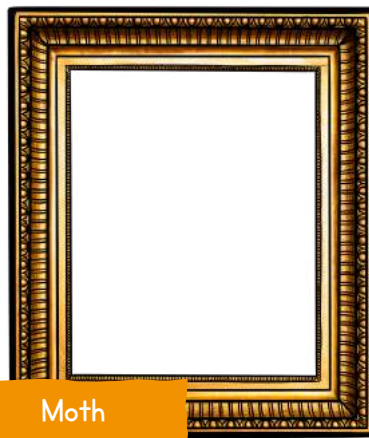
Pollinators play a crucial role in carrying pollen from flower to flower, which is vital for plant reproduction, including the ones we enjoy eating like apples and pears.

Pollinators come in many shapes and sizes. Draw portraits of different pollinators in the 'hall of fame' picture frame templates below. Use the brief descriptions below to help you with your drawings.



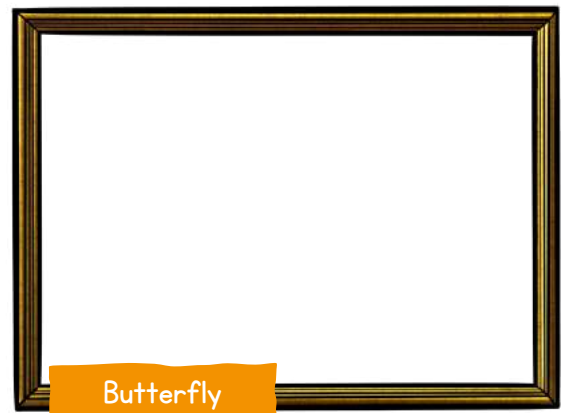
Bumblebee

Bumblebees can vibrate their bodies to dislodge pollen from a flower. They comb the pollen off their hairy bodies into little baskets on their legs, called corbiculae, a process known as buzz pollination.



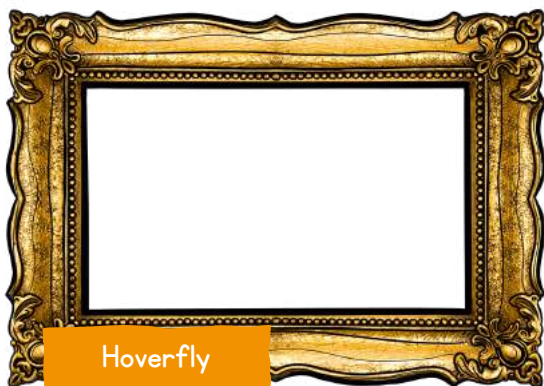
Moth

Most moths are nocturnal and prefer to feed from pale, tubular, scented flowers like honeysuckle. Pollen can get stuck to their furry bodies and long tongues as they search for nectar.



Butterfly

Butterflies perch on larger flower heads when they hunt nectar, collecting pollen on their legs and body as they feed.



Hoverfly

Hoverflies mimic the colour patterns of bees and wasps to scare off predators. They hover over flowers to drink nectar and transfer pollen between themselves and flowers.



Beetle

Beetles are efficient pollinators of plants with stringy or sticky pollen. They are important for pollinating large open flowers and plants that emit spicy or decay-like odours.