



Pollinator support club

Did you know that since 1980 the number of pollinating insects in the UK has decreased by more than 20%?

3.4 - How trees make seeds

It's important for us to monitor pollinators in our local areas so that we can support and encourage them. Carry out a survey of the pollinators in your garden, park or school grounds.

1. First, find a flower to observe. The flowers below work really well - see if there's one near you!



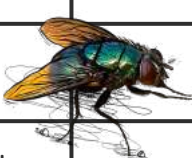
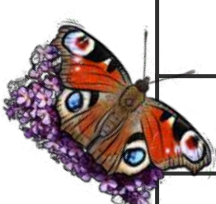
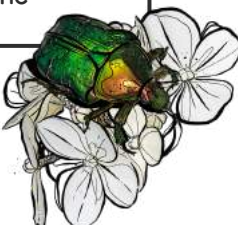


2. Next, watch the flower for 10 minutes from a distance. Don't get too close - you don't want to disturb the pollinators!

3. Keep a tally of the pollinators you see. Remember - hoverflies can look quite similar to bees and wasps, so be sure to look carefully.

Record your observations below.

Flower name: _____

Pollinator	Tally	Total
Bee 		
Wasp 		
Hoverfly / Fly 		
Butterfly/ Moth 		
Beetle 		



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Encouraging pollinators

Plant pollinator-friendly plants, trees, and shrubs

Choose flowers that provide pollen and nectar for the different stages of pollinators' lives. Some great choices are dill, yarrow, sunflowers, cosmos, and more. Remember to have a diverse selection blooming throughout the growing season.



Create habitats for nesting and shelter

Designate a corner of your garden or school grounds as a wild area or hedgerow where beneficial insects can find shelter and nesting spots. You can also make nesting blocks for solitary bees like mason bees.

Leave areas of grass unmown

Consider having patches of long grass in the garden or playing field, as they serve as a home for beneficial predators and a spot for desirable insects to lay their eggs.

