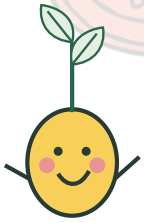
Pollinator Watch

Watch a flower and record its insect visitors.



Little growers, big discoveries

10 MIN | FLOWERS AND VISITING | AGES 5+ WITH AN ADULT

Grab your kit

A flowering plant, a timer, paper and a pencil. A nature guide is optional.

Your discovery mission

1. Choose a flower you can watch from a safe, comfortable place without touching it.
2. Draw four headings: Bee, Butterfly, Other and Not Sure. Set a timer for ten minutes.
3. Add a tally mark whenever an insect lands on the flowers you are watching. Count visits; the same insect might return more than once.
4. Add up the tallies. Record whether it was sunny, cloudy, windy or rainy, and describe one visitor.

What did you discover?

Bee visits: ____ Butterfly visits: ____
Other visits: ____ Not sure: ____ Weather: _____

Draw your discovery

Let's wonder...

Why might visitors change at different times or in different weather?

NEXT ADVENTURE

Repeat for ten minutes on another day. Use the same flowers and compare your visit counts.

Watch quietly without catching or touching insects. Stay away from nests and ask an adult to choose a safe watching place.