

All About Pollinators!!

Pollinators move pollen from flower to flower to set seeds. Plants need seeds to grow!

Investigate Pollinators

Watch for bees and butterflies visiting flowers. Can you see yellow pollen on their bodies? Which color flower do the bees and butterflies like best?

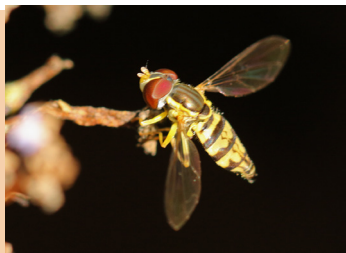


Watch for solitary bees and wasps in sandy areas. You may see the hole that leads to their nest. Do they bring other insects into the nest?



Pollinator Alphabet!

B is for Bees, Butterflies, Beetles, & Bats
F is for Flower Flies!

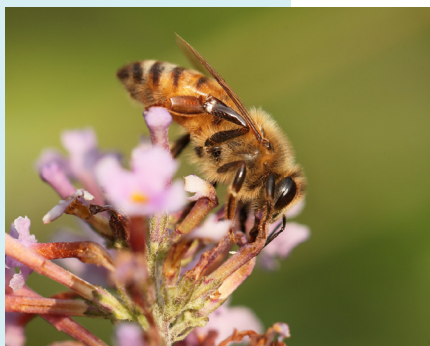


Bet you didn't know?

Chocolate is made from the cacao plant. Midges, very small flies, pollinate cacao! Wild bananas are pollinated by bats!

Food From Pollinator Friends

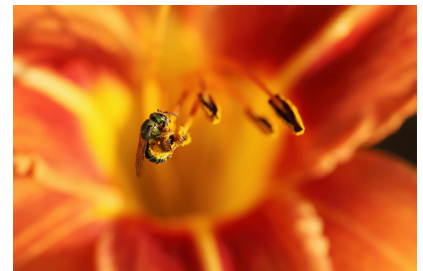
Connecticut's pollinators give us apples, pears, strawberries, blueberries, pumpkins, & tomatoes.



And the winner is Bees!

Bees are the best pollinators. There are between 4,500 and 5,000 different bees in North America and 350 in Connecticut!

Bees sometimes have pollen baskets on their legs to carry pollen. All bees have hair which pollen can stick to. Some bees live in groups (social) and some live alone (solitary).



How can you help pollinators?
Plant native plants! Some good choices are mountain mint, aster, and blueberry. Protect pollinators from mowing and pesticides!



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