


POLLINATOR BINGO

What are pollinators?

Pollinators are animals that transfer pollen from one flower to another - this helps the flowers make seeds. There are lots of different **insects** that are **pollinators**, we've given you two examples of each insect group below.

Tick off the groups as you spot them! 

Bumblebees



Red-tailed bumblebee
(*Bombus lapidarius*)



White-tailed bumblebee
(*Bombus lucorum*)

There are 24 species of bumblebee in the UK. Our common bumblebees usually have tails that are white, red or brown and some have yellow bands. They're important pollinators of crops such as raspberries, peas and tomatoes.

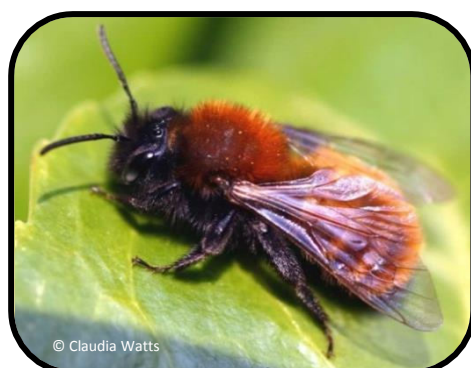
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Solitary bees



Leafcutter bee
(*Megachile centuncularis*)



Tawny mining bee
(*Andrena fulva*)

There are 225 species of solitary bees in the UK. They are mostly smaller than bumblebees. The group includes mining bees that nest in the ground; and mason and leafcutter bees that nest in wood or walls. Some are valuable pollinators of fruit trees.

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Butterflies



Peacock butterfly
(*Inachis io*)



Ringlet butterfly
(*Aphantopus hyperantus*)

We have 59 species of butterfly that breed in the UK. They have two pairs of wings. Unlike most moths, they have clubs on the ends of their long antennae and at rest their wings close vertically above the body.

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Moths



Silver Y moth
(*Autographa gamma*)



6-spot burnet moth
(*Zygaena filipendulae*)

Most moths fly at night but some fly during the day. Unlike butterflies, they have pointy, often feathery antennae and generally rest with their wings folded over the body.

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Wasps



Common social wasp
(*Vespula vulgaris*)



Ruby-tailed solitary wasp
(*Chrysis ruddii*)

Most social wasps are bright yellow and black with yellow markings on their face. Solitary wasps come in a variety of colours, shapes and sizes.

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Hoverflies



Marmalade hoverfly
(*Episyrphus balteatus*)



Hoverfly
(*Volucella pellucens*)

There are 281 species of hoverfly in the UK. They have large eyes and only one pair of wings. Some mimic bees and wasps but cannot sting. Adult hoverflies help to pollinate our crops and wildflowers, whilst hoverfly larvae eat aphids (like greenfly) and other garden pests.

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Beetles



7 spot ladybird
(*Coccinella-7-punctata*)



Thick legged flower beetle
(*Oedemera nobilis*)

There are around 100 pollinating beetle species in Britain.

They have hard and protective forewings (elytra) to protect the delicate hind wings. They come in a variety of different shapes, we have given you two examples.

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