

# Plants & Pollinators

Hummingbirds, bats, bees, butterflies, and other insects are super important for a thing called pollination! Pollination helps plants and flowers grow, and it helps people grow fruits and vegetables to eat, like cherries, blueberries, tomatoes, squash, apples, almonds and broccoli.

How do bees pollinate and why? Bees pollinate plants and flowers by landing on flowers to collect sugar and sweet nectar. The little hairs on their legs stick to pollen so when they land on another flower, those pollen pieces mix and help make a new plant! When bees collect all the nectar they need, they take it back to their hive so they can turn it into honey. Mmm good!



1 Bumblebee | 2 Bee Balm flower | 3 Gulf Fritillary butterfly | 4 Lantana | 5 Hummingbird Clearwing Moth | 6 Swamp Thistle  
7 Saguaro cactus, flower & fruit | 8 Lesser Long-nosed Bat | 9 Hummingbird | 10 Penstemon flower