

Pollinator Power

What is a pollinator?

Anything that helps carry pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part of the same or another flower.

Why is pollination important?

It helps the plant to become fertilized so it can produce seeds, fruits and new young plants.

Did you know that moths are powerful pollinators?

While butterflies and bees may pollinate during the day, moths pollinate flowers at night.

Moths like to land on sweet smelling flowers that are white or light colored. They appreciate being on flowers that have flat places to land their feet.

When a moth is drinking the flower's nectar, pollen from the flower sticks to their legs and their wings.

Then when a moth lands on the next flower for a nectar drink, the pollen that was stuck to their legs and their wings gets transported to the new flower.

This helps the plant make seeds, fruit and new young plants.

Why are pollinators so powerful?

We need pollinators for our fruit and vegetables to grow. We need many plants to have healthy soil and air. Just like us, our wildlife friends need plants to eat. Without pollinators we would be in big trouble!



Next time you see a moth, be sure and thank them for being a powerful pollinator!