

Which insects are the best pollinators?

Here are the top performers you can find in your garden.



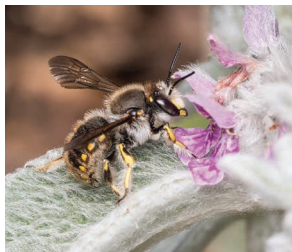
Our 6 Bumblebees

Bumblebees are social insects with queens and workers living in small underground nests. Their thick furry pile insulates them and keeps them active in all weathers.



1250+ Butterflies & Moths

When butterflies and moths drink flower nectar, they transfer pollen to more flowers, helping wild flowers and cultivated food plants reproduce. Some summer visitors fly here from the Mediterranean.



80+ Solitary Bees

Solitary bees nest singly, sometimes in loose communities, in earth banks or holes in wood. They are important pollinators of both wild flowers and our food.



100+ Hoverflies

Often mistaken for wasps, hoverflies are completely harmless. Not only are they great pollinators, but they are the 'gardener's friend' as they eat aphids and other pests.



100+ Wasps

Wasps are carnivorous and reduce bug numbers in our gardens. Adult wasps feed on nectar, so they are good pollinators. Some are social and some solitary. Most wasps are placid and unlikely to sting.



Honey Bees

Bee hives can house up to 60,000 of these fascinating insects that give us honey and pollinate many of our flowers and food plants. Beekeepers give bees shelter and help their colony survive from one year to the next.

Other bugs: There are thousands of other beetles, ants, and even spiders that are "accidental pollinators" in our gardens.