

Track the Butterflies and Bees



They flitter and buzz from flower to flower. It looks like fun—but these butterflies and bees are really hard at work!

Many people enjoy the bright colors and sweet smells of a pretty flower garden. But this colorful show isn't really for people. The flowers are trying to attract insects. Why? They need these creatures to survive.

Butterflies and bees are two kinds of insects that do an important job for flowers. They carry tiny pollen grains from one plant part to another. This process is called **pollination**. It allows plants to make seeds. What do butterflies and bees get in return for their hard work? They get food!





For example, when a honeybee lands on a blossom, it goes deep inside the flower. Here it finds nectar, a sweet liquid that it likes to eat. As the honeybee feeds, it also collects pollen. The bee stores the pollen in special baskets on its back legs.

As the honeybee moves from flower to flower, some of that pollen is rubbed off. If the pollen lands on a certain place in the flower, the flower will start to make seeds. Soon the honeybee flies to another blossom. You'll have to watch carefully to see where it goes next.

But that's not all you can do at the park.

