

Directions

How often should you complete this survey?  
At least once a week, and as often as you can while your plants are flowering.

What do you need?  
A timer or watch.  
A pencil or pen and printed data sheet, or app for data entry.  
Pollinator identification sheet.  
A comfy place to sit.  
Camera or phone camera.

Procedure

1. You will count the number of flower-visiting insects for 3 minutes.  
2. Use your phone or a kitchen timer to make sure the length of your survey is accurate.  
3. Stand or sit close enough to your flowers that you can observe what visits them, but avoid standing over them – that scares insects from visiting.  
4. Record all insects that visit, or were already on the flowers when the survey begins. Try to count each individual insect only once.  
5. Record only insects visiting the flowers. Feel free to ignore spiders, snails, harvestmen, or other non-insects that can occasionally visit flowers.

Adopt a Plant Pollinator Timed Count

Participant Email

Participant ID

Date

Time

Cloud Cover

☐ Sunny (<25% clouds)

☐ Partly sunny (25-50% clouds)

☐ Partly cloudy (50-75% clouds)

☐ Cloudy/Overcast (>75% clouds)

Wind Speed

☐ No wind (<4mph)

☐ Breezy/Light wind (4-20mph)

☐ Windy (20-30mph)

☐ Strong wind (>30mph)

Counting Pollinators

What plant species are you monitoring today?

How many plants of each color tag are you monitoring today?

BLUE

RED

YELLOW

If your plant is flowering, count how many pollinators are present

Start your timer for 3 minutes! Once your timer begins, use a tally count to count every insect that lands on a flower on your individual plant. Try to count each individual insect only once.

Flowering Stages

None: no flowers

Early: just starting to flower, mostly unopened buds

Middle: mostly open flowers

Late: mostly spent flowers

Which of the following insects (and how many of them) did you observe on the flowers during the timed count?

Plant(s) Condition							
	Flowering Stage	# Bumble/Carpenter Bees	# Honey Bees	# Other Bees	# Flies	# Butterflies	# Other insects
Plant A (Blue)							
Plant B (Red)							
Plant C (Yellow)							

Post Survey Information

Are there more flowers of this species nearby?

☐ Yes

No

Are there other flowering plants nearby?

☐ Yes

No

Is there anything else you'd like to add?