

Pollinator Journal



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Inspiration:

Insects often visit flowers because of the flower color or form. Focus on one flower in the garden. Draw it with as much detail as possible. Did any insects visit your flower while you were drawing? What were they? If not, what type of insect do you think would visit your flower?

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ODE TO THE BUTTERFLY

The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly is Georgia's state butterfly. You may have seen these beautiful butterflies flying around your home or local park.

To celebrate this insect, create a three line haiku poem. Remember the first and third lines should have five syllables, and the second line should have seven syllables.



Inspiration:

Bumble bees are special pollinators. Their hairy bodies are perfect for attracting and moving pollen. Look for bumble bees in your garden. Watch them fly. Their flight patterns are fun to watch. See if you can capture their fun in a bumble bee drawing.




Inspiration:

Gardens can evoke feelings. Some gardens make us feel calm; some make us feel joyful. A formal garden may make us sit up a bit straighter. A vegetable garden may make us feel hungry! Find a comfortable area in your garden to sit. Create a word cloud using words that describe how your garden makes you feel.


Inspiration:


Concentrate your focus on one insect in the garden and work through this sheet:


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 **Fact:** An insect has three body parts: head, thorax, and abdomen

 **Fact:** An insect has six legs

 **Fact:** Insects have jointed legs and one pair of antennae

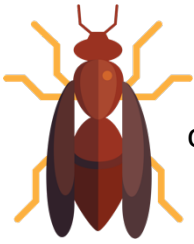
Draw the specimen that you see:

Look at your specimen closely and answer the following questions:

1. How many body segments does your specimen have? _____
2. How many legs do you see? _____
3. Does your specimen have obvious antennae? _____
4. How many wings do you see on your specimen? _____
5. Do you see the eyes on your specimen? _____
6. Does your specimen have hair? No A small amount A large amount
7. Use three words to describe your specimen: _____
8. Do you think your specimen is an insect? Yes No

Inspiration:

Weather is a big influence in the pollinator garden. Weather patterns often move in through the jet stream. Thunderstorms can pop up during a warm afternoon. What weather are you seeing today? Lay on your back to get a view of the cloud patterns over your garden. Draw them.

Inspiration:

Wasps have a reputation for being mean and aggressive when they really provide positive benefits to our garden. They generally don't sting unless they are threatened. They are efficient hunters of caterpillars and grasshoppers. See if you can locate a wasp in your garden. Can you see how its exoskeleton looks like plated armor? Draw your wasp visitor.

Inspiration:

An effective pollinator garden has flowers of all shapes, sizes, and colors. This diversity of plants attracts a diversity of insects. Draw a section of your garden that contains several different plant species.

Inspiration:

The Great Southeast Pollinator Census (<https://GSePC.org>) takes place each August and is a way for us to capture a snapshot of our pollinator populations. Do a practice Census count using one flower in your pollinator garden. Count the insects you see during a 15-minute period. You may want to repeat this using another type of flower and compare your results.

Pollinating Insect:	Number Counted:
Carpenter Bees	
Bumble Bees	
Small Bees	
Wasps	
Flies	
Butterflies	
Other Insects	
TOTAL COUNTED	