



## BUZZING AROUND

### What have we learnt?

Insects, such as butterflies and bees, are important for plants.

- Insects carry pollen from one flower to another.
- They are called *pollinators*.
- Plants need pollinators to help them to make their seeds.

### Why is this important?

If insects cannot pollinate plants, new seeds would not be produced and new plants would not grow. This would have a terrible effect on the Earth.

### FUN FACTS

- A ladybird might eat more than 5,000 insects in its lifetime
- A bee's wings beat 190 times a second; that's 11,400 times a minute
- Caterpillars have 12 eyes
- Butterflies taste with their feet
- Grasshoppers existed before dinosaurs



### Something to try:

- Can you make a butterfly feeder?

**You will need:** cardboard, felt-tips, stick/straw, bottle top, glue, cotton wool, bowl, water, sugar, sticky-tape.

**To make:** Cut out a flower shape from the cardboard and colour it in bright colours. Using glue, attach the bottle top to the centre of the flower. Attach the stick/straw to the back of the flower using sticky tape. In the bowl, make a sugar solution using water and sugar; soak the cotton wool in the solution and then place this into the bottle top.

Use the stick to place your feeder outside; this could be in the ground in the garden or in a plant pot.

How many butterflies visit your feeder?  
Are they all the same?

- Use the QR code to see this feeder being made.  
<https://tinyurl.com/y82hpzqw>



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