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

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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

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