

Animal Pollinators

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Pollination

Flowers make pollen. Most pollen looks like yellow dust.

Flowers use pollen to grow seeds.

Pollination happens when pollen moves into a flower's carpel. Then the flower can make seeds.

Pollinators help pollen move to a flower's carpel. Many animals are pollinators.

How do Animals Pollinate?

Some animals drink nectar from flowers.

Animals get nectar with their tongues.

Bats drink nectar from flowers.

Pollen sticks to the bat.

The pollen rubs off on the flower's carpel.

Kinds of Animal Pollinators

Bats are one kind of animal pollinator. But there are many others.

Honey possums pollinate flowers.

Lemurs pollinate flowers.

Some small lizards pollinate flowers.

Doves pollinate flowers.

Honeycreepers pollinate flowers.

Hummingbirds pollinate flowers.

Human Pollinators

Humans also pollinate flowers.

Hand-pollination can help plants grow better fruit.

It takes a lot of helpful animals and humans to pollinate flowers.