

# Unusual Pollinators Game

Time: ~ 15 minutes

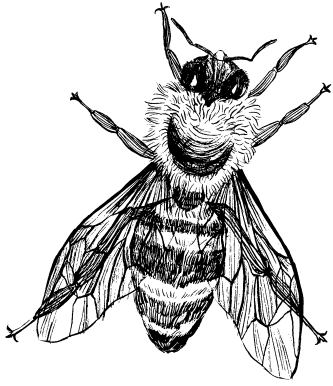
Students may be surprised to learn that all sorts of animals can be pollinators, not just butterflies and bees! In this activity, students will learn about some unusual pollinators!

Print out the pollinator cards from the following three pages and cut them out to play the game. Tape the pollinator cards to students' backs. Tell students that all the animals on their backs can be pollinators. Then, instruct the students to ask each other yes/no questions about the animals on their backs until they can guess them correctly.

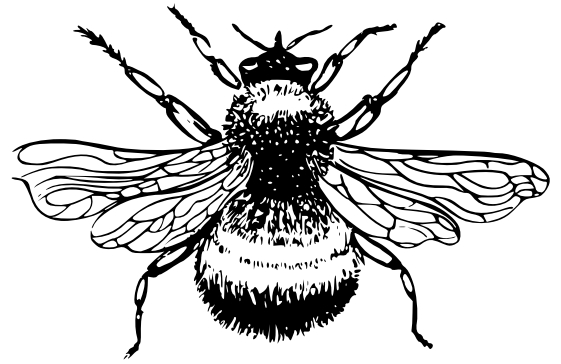
After the game, discuss the unusual pollinators with students. Were there any pollinators they already knew about? Were there any pollinators they were surprised by? What traits might make an animal a good pollinator?

Other important notes:

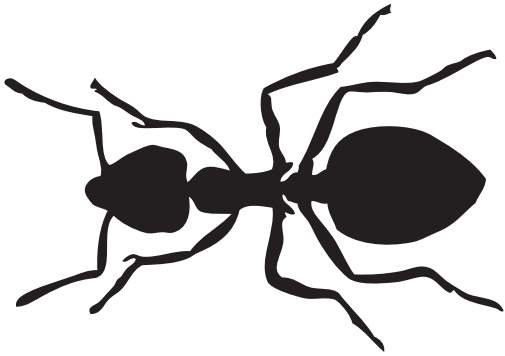
- 1.) Although there are many different animal pollinators, bees (especially honeybees) are usually considered the most important pollinator due to their key role in many ecosystems and their ability to pollinate a wide variety of different plants, including many food crops.
- 2.) Some of the animals from this activity are not always pollinators. For example, while some types of lizards are pollinators in certain ecosystems, not all lizards are pollinators.



*honeybee*



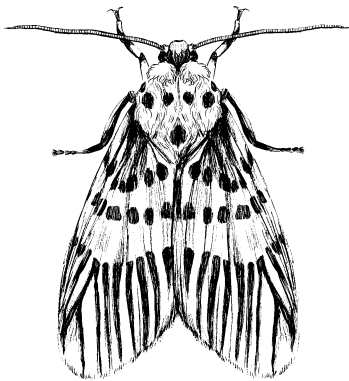
*bumblebee*



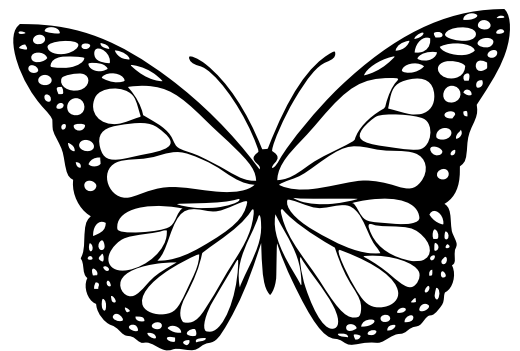
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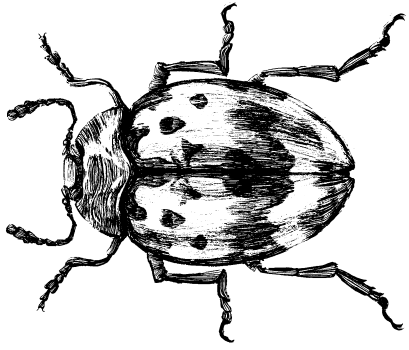
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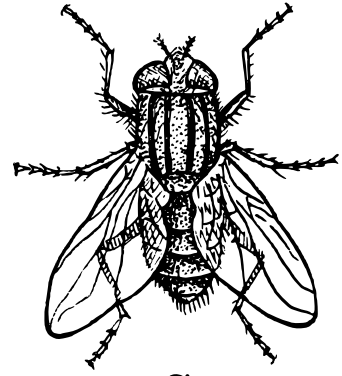
*moth*



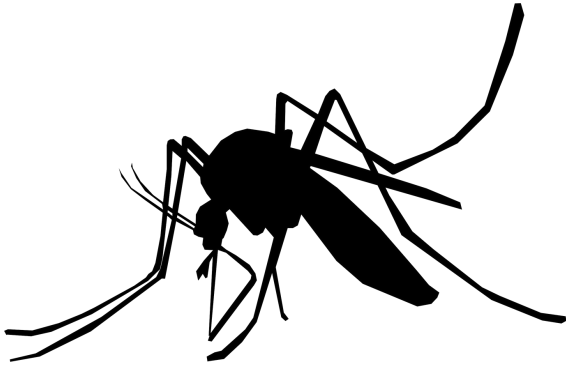
*butterfly*



beetle



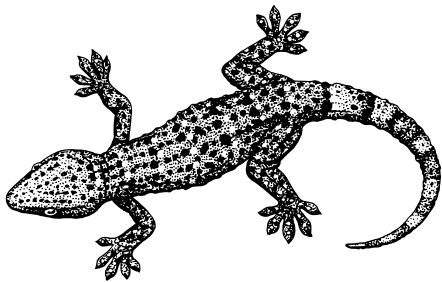
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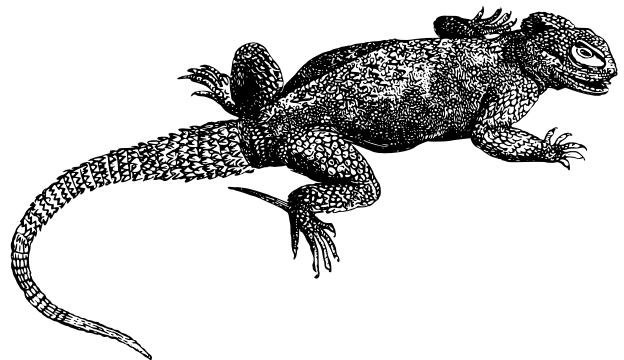
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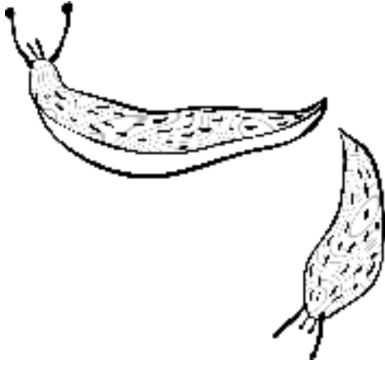
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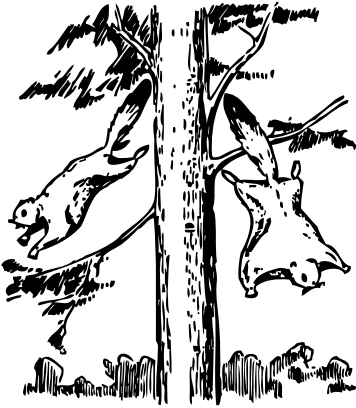
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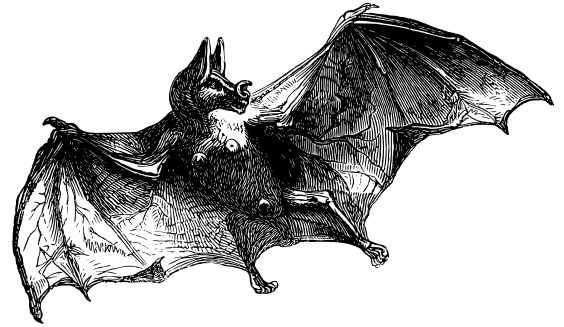
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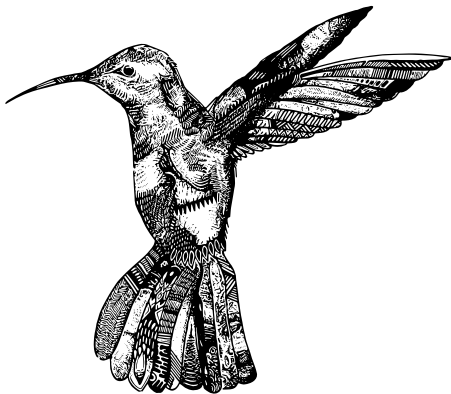
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sugar glider



bat



hummingbird



parrot