

Pollination: how insects help plants to make seeds

Insects take pollen between flowering plants of the same type. The pollen fertilises egg cells to make seeds.

1. The bright colours and smell of that flower tell me that it's got the sugary nectar I love to eat and the pollen I feed to my kids. Yum!



2. Om nom nom. While eating at this flower some of the pollen has rubbed off on me by accident.



3. At this other flower the pollen from the first flower will fertilise the egg cells to make seeds.

Pollen enters the flower here



Egg cells are fertilised by pollen and grow into seeds



Other types of pollination

It's not only insects that pollinate plants. Birds, bats and the wind can also take pollen between plants.



Pollination is important for humans

No pollination = not as many plants to use as food, clothing, shelter and other things!