



3rd-5th Grade: Pollinator Party

Students will make observations of pollinators in the gardens around the Zoo.

Description: Pollinators play an important role in the gardens at the Zoo

Location at the Zoo: Pollinator Garden (outside World of the Insect), Native Plants Garden (near Passenger Pigeon Memorial), and Butterfly Garden (across from the gift shop in Vine Street Village)

Materials: Pencil, clipboard

Activity: Head to the three different gardens listed on the chart below and follow the directions below.



1. Pollinator Garden



2. Native Plants Garden



3. Butterfly Garden

Observation chart (make a mark for every pollinator observed):

Pollinator Type	Number observed in...		
	...Pollinator Garden	...Native Plants Garden	...Butterfly Garden
Bees			
Butterflies			
Other insects			
Hummingbirds			
Other? (write in)			

1. Add up the number of pollinators observed for each pollinator type.
 - a. Which pollinator was the most common in each garden?

Did this surprise you?

- b. Was the same pollinator the most common in all the observed gardens?

Why do you think this was?

2. What would happen to the “botanical garden” part of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden if there were no pollinators?

3. What role do pollinators play in the food chain at the Zoo?

4. As human populations grow, wild spaces decrease. This can impact the habitat and number of pollinators. Name one way that people can help pollinators that share our spaces.

One way to help:

How does this help?