



POLLINATOR PUPPET SHOW

Resources

Provided Materials

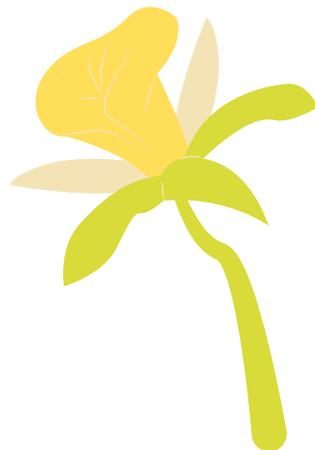
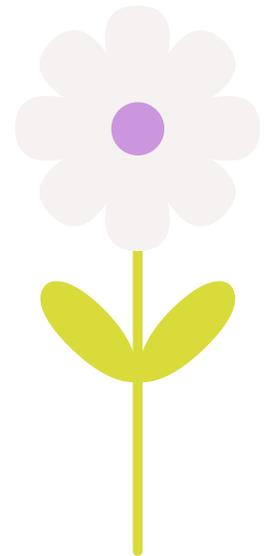
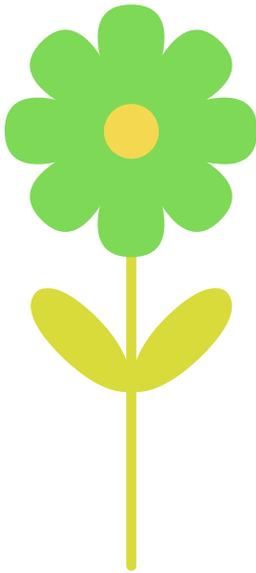
- "Beauty of Pollination" video
(See Activity Guide for link)
- Page 2, Flower Cut-Outs
- Page 3, Pollinator Finger Puppets
- Page 4, Grades K-2 Short Story
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Materials Not Provided

- Medium or Large Box or Cereal Box
- Crayons or color pencils
- Scissors
- Glue or Tape

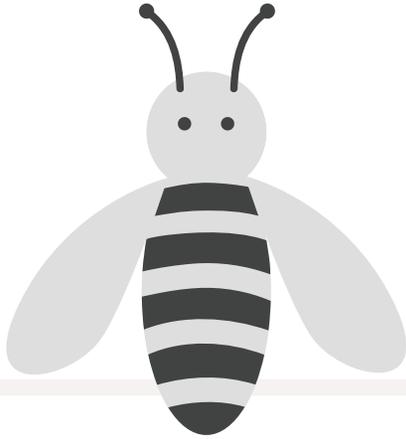
POLLINATOR PUPPET SHOW: FLOWER CUT-OUTS

Directions: Design your stage. Cut out flowers and glue them to your stage.

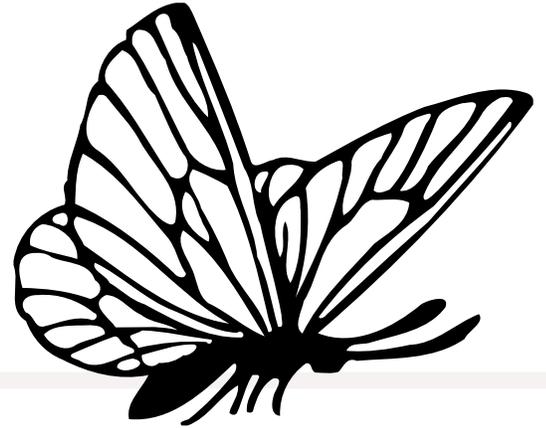


POLLINATOR PUPPET SHOW: POLLINATOR FINGER PUPPETS

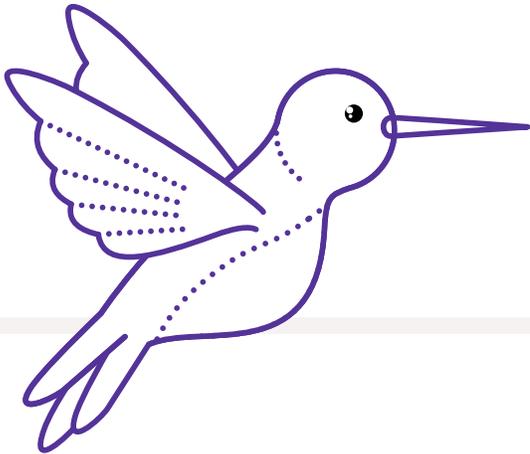
Directions: Color your each pollinator, cut out carefully, wrap rectangle around finger and use glue or tape to hold rectangle together.



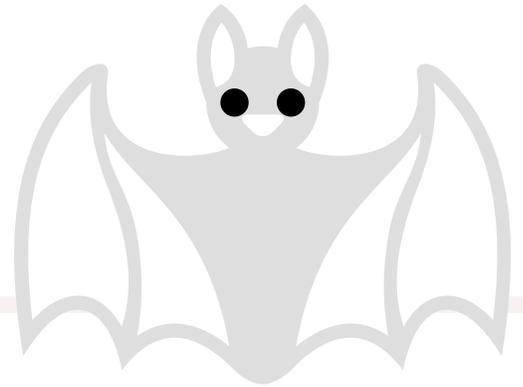
Eugene, the Bee



Diva, the Butterfly



Barry, the Hummingbird



Karen, the Bat

POLLINATOR PUPPET SHOW: GRADES K-2 SHORT STORY

Directions: As the narrator tells the story, students will listen and act out everything being told.

A group of Monarch Butterflies have just migrated into this area and need a spot to eat nectar, which flowers do they go to? [Students that are playing the Monarch Butterflies will flutter to the pink flower.] It's night time and all the pollinators are getting really sleepy. The Native Bees go to sleep. The Hummingbirds go to sleep.

The Monarch Butterflies go to sleep. But wait, there is a pollinator that isn't sleeping. Which pollinator isn't sleeping. Yes, the bats! A group of Lesser long-nosed bats are hungry for nectar. Bats go to the green flowers and eat! Rise and shine. It's morning and the air smells sweet. The busiest pollinator is at work and he is buzzing to get something to eat! Bees come to the white flower and eat. Hummingbird is just waking up and she is feeling really hungry. The big problem is Hummingbird has a long beak and can only eat out of plants that have long tubular flowers. Bring the hummingbird to the yellow tubular flowers!

POLLINATOR PUPPET SHOW: AD-LIB VERSION

Directions: With ad-lib, students are able to make-up their own dialogue as the story progresses. Assign students to act out for Karen, Barry, Eugene, Diva, and the Narrator.

Narrator: There once was a hummingbird named Barry, a Monarch Butterfly named Diva, a bee named Eugene and a bat named Karen. It was very early in the morning about 5 am. They all were great friends and they all enjoyed their current career as pollinators. All four were flying together to check out each flower they found. Karen the bat yawned, and said to the others,

Karen: _____

Narrator: Karen flew home to her cave. She wouldn't be returning until it was night time again. The others waved goodbye to Karen and flew toward a beautiful meadow. The first flower they saw was a bright white color and smelled so sweet. Barry the hummingbird flew over to it first. He said to the others,

Barry: _____

Narrator: Barry tried to eat some of the nectar off the flower but then he realized his beak was too long and the flower was too flat. Barry couldn't eat the nectar because he was used to tubular shaped flowers. Eugene the bee then flew over to the white flower and landed right on top. He looked at Barry and said,

Eugene: _____

Narrator: Eugene began to eat and eat all the nectar. He was covered in pollen grains, but he didn't care. Eugene loves the sweet smell and bright color of the flower. Eugene stayed bee-hind to try all of the white flowers. Diva the Butterfly and Barry the hummingbird looked at each other as they watched Eugene eat away. They both shrugged and flew toward another flower. This second flower was a bright pink color and smelled fresh. Barry the hummingbird flew toward the pink flower for a closer view. Again, he couldn't eat the nectar. This pink flower was not tubular in shape. Diva flew over to the flower and accidentally bumped into Barry. She was so excited to find the perfect flower and started to chow down on the tasty nectar. Barry started to cry and told Diva he couldn't find the right flower. Diva tried to cheer Barry up by saying,

Diva: _____

Narrator: Although Barry was discouraged, he nodded at Diva and flew away to look at another batch of flowers. To his surprise Karen the bat had woken from her nocturnal slumber a few hours earlier and said hello to him. Karen noticed Barry looked sad and asked him what was wrong. Barry told her he couldn't find the right flower. In response, Karen said she would help. They flew together and stopped when they smelled something musty. It was a very stinky smell and Barry was not a fan of it. Karen, on the other hand, was super excited. She said,

Karen: _____

Narrator: It was a green colored flower and it smelled very bad. Barry was happy for Karen as he witnessed her eating the very stinky flower. But Barry could not stand the smell so he flew away. It was getting late, but as he headed home he bumped into a flower that he did not notice before because it didn't have any smell to it. It was an odorless yellow flower and had a tubular shape. He shrieked with joy and said,

Barry: _____

Narrator: Barry feasted on his dinner before bed and slept peacefully through the night.

POLLINATOR PUPPET SHOW: GRADES 3-5 FULL STORY

Directions: As the narrator tells the story, students will listen and act out everything being told.

There once was a hummingbird named Barry, a Monarch Butterfly named Diva, a bee named Eugene and a bat named Karen. It was very early in the morning about 5 am. They all were great friends and they all enjoyed their current career as pollinators.

All four were flying together to check out each flower they found. Karen the bat yawned, said to the others, "Wow it's getting early and I need to get sleep." Karen flew home to her cave. She wouldn't be returning until it was night time again. The others waved goodbye to Karen and flew toward a beautiful meadow.

The first flower they saw was a bright white color and smelled so sweet. Barry the hummingbird flew over to it first. He said to the others, "Wow, this flower smells so sweet!" When Barry tried to eat some of the nectar off the flower he realized his beak was too long and the flower was too flat. Barry couldn't eat the nectar because he was used to tubular shaped flowers.

Eugene the bee flew over to the white flower and landed right on top. He looked at Barry and "Sorry, Barry. This means more for me!" All the pollen grains covered Eugene, but he didn't care. He loves the sweet smell and bright color of the flower. He ate and ate all the nectar. Eugene the Bee stayed bee-hind to try all of the white flowers.

Diva the Butterfly and Barry the hummingbird looked at each other as they watched Eugene eat away. They both shrugged and flew toward another flower. This second flower was a bright pink color and smelled fresh. Barry the hummingbird flew toward the pink flower for a closer view. Again, he couldn't eat the nectar. This pink flower was not tubular in shape. Diva flew over to the flower and accidentally bumped into Barry. She was so excited to find the perfect flower and started to chow down on the tasty nectar. Barry started to cry. Diva looked over and asked Barry, "Well, what's the matter?" Barry sighed and said, "I can't seem to find the right flower for me!" Diva said, "Don't worry Barry, this meadow is quite large. Keep searching and I'm sure you will find something."

Although, Barry was discouraged he nodded at Diva and flew away to look at another batch of flowers. To his surprise Karen the bat had woken from her nocturnal slumber a few hours earlier and said hello to him. Karen noticed Barry looked sad and asked, "Why are you sad?" Barry said, "I can't find my perfect flower."

In response, Karen said she would help. They flew together and stopped when they smelled something musty. It was a very stinky smell and Barry was not a fan of it. Karen said, "Look Barry! My favorite flower!" It was a green colored flower and it smelled very bad. Barry was happy for Karen as he witnessed her eating the very stinky flower. Barry shouted, "I think I'm going to be sick!" and he flew away.

He thought to himself that it was getting dark and he should go home to sleep when he bumped into a flower that he did not notice because he did not smell it. It was an odorless yellow flower and had a tubular shape. He shrieked with joy and feasted on his dinner before bed.