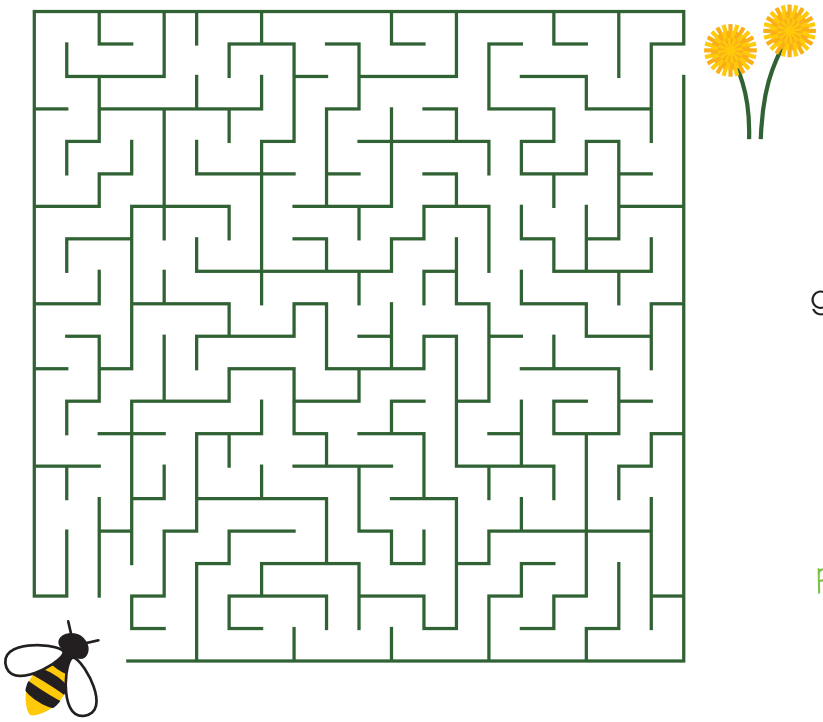
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Activity Sheet



Help the bee find its way to the flower

Bees are excellent pollinators - they gather pollen from flowering plants to stock their nests.

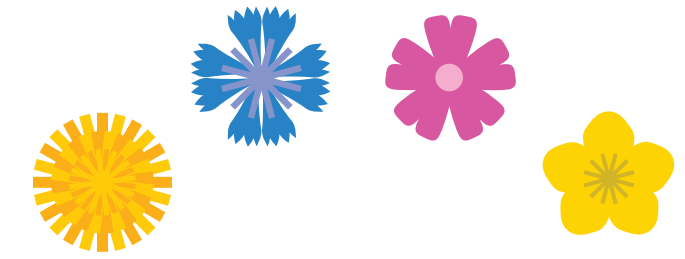
They visit many flowers carrying and transferring pollen between them.

Grow your own pollinator-friendly plants with your wildflower seedbomb! Made in Co. Meath with local soil and native Irish seed.

Match the wildflower to its name

A variety of native wildflowers are important for biodiversity and provide food for pollinators.

Not mowing your lawn allows native wildflower species to flourish - often the best and cheapest way to provide food for pollinators!



Buttercup

Cornflower

Red Campion

Dandelion

Draw a line to connect the name to the flower

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Pollinator Wordsearch

Bees are not the world's only pollinators, at least 1,500 insect species pollinate plants in the UK and Ireland. Pollination is crucial for so much of the food we eat.

Wasp	Fruit
Hoverfly	Bean
Beetle	Nut
Moth	Herb
Butterfly	Spice
Bee	Tea

G J P O L L R D V T
H B M O T H F M E C
C E U P E U R H H P
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S P I C E N P M L T
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M _ ssing L _tters

There are 98 wild bee species in Ireland, one-third of those are at risk of extinction.

Here are some types of bees that you can look out for in your garden or local park.
Fill in the missing letters, to reveal the names.

L _ _ f c _ t _ _ r Bee

These bees clip neat segments of leaf or petal with their jaws to plug their nests.

M _ n _ _ g Bee

These bees excavate tunnels and cells underground, prefering sandy soil. You may see little mounds of earth in lawns that look a bit like worm casts.

A bee hotel will provide a home for a variety of solitary bees. You can learn how make your own:
www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-make-bee-hotel.html

M _ s _ n Bee

These bees make nests in crevices, sometimes in old mortar, or even empty snail shells.

B _ _ _ _ e Bee

This bee's special skill as a pollinator is partly down to their furry body.

C _ r p _ _ ter Bee

These bees make nests by chewing tunnels into wood.