

Flower assessment sheet



Fill in each table to rank a flower's potential attractiveness to pollinators.

Learning Intentions:

- Learn to assess a flower's potential attractiveness to insects by ranking key features.
- Appreciate the different strategies that flowers use to attract pollinators.

Flower type: <input type="text"/>		(If you don't know what it's called, take a photo or make a drawing.)				
Feature	Comment	Ranking (Circle your choice)				
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Scent	How scented it is.	1 (little)	2	3	4	5 (strong)
Size	How large it is.	1 (tiny)	2	3	4	5 (huge)
Patterns	Lines or shapes that lead to where the nectar or pollen is found.	1 (none)	2	3	4	5 (obvious)
Flower density	How closely packed the flowers are.	1 (widely spaced)	2	3	4	5 (tightly packed)
Amount of pollen	How much pollen there is. (Check by touching the flower.)	1 (little)	2	3	4	5 (heaps)
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* Assessing the amount of nectar can be difficult. For flowers bigger than a 10c piece, cut them lengthwise and look for clear liquid near the bottom of the flower. Otherwise watch bees foraging to see how busy they are collecting nectar from the flowers.