

## Investigating Pollinators



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Carpenter Bees



Flower (Hover) Flies



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 making noise while flying.     making sound.  
 getting dusted with pollen.     collecting nectar.
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  - How many flowers does insect visit on the same plant:  
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