

# POLLINATOR PALS



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## **Pollinators are animals that visit flowers in search of food.**

Some pollinators feed on sweet nectar that is full of energy. Others collect pollen, which offers nutrients for growth and good health.

## **There are many kinds of pollinators!**

Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds are pollinators. So are certain kinds of wasps, beetles, moths and flies.

## **Pollinators help nature and people.**

As they feed, pollinators move pollen from one flower to another. That activity helps flowers make seeds, which can grow into new plants. Plants are a beautiful part of our environment! They also provide many of the foods we eat and materials for products we use.

## **Pollinators need habitat.**

Habitat includes flowers, water, nesting space, shelter and more. That can be hard to find in cities.

## **Learn more with your own Pollinator Pal!**

See the other side of this sheet for activities.



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## Go on a pollinator scavenger hunt!

Choose one of the three Pollinator Pals. Color it, fold the page in half, and glue or tape the sides together. Take your Pollinator Pal to look for any of these things or do the activities, and check them off as you go.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Find a pollinator that looks like your pal. | <input type="checkbox"/> Write a story about your pollinator pal. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Find a pollinator with orange on it.        | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant some milkweed.                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Find a pollinator feeding on a flower.      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tell someone else about pollinators.     |

Would you like to be entered into a gift drawing? Just fill out the form below and email a copy, along with a picture of you and your Pollinator Pal, to [cpetersen@minnetonkamn.gov](mailto:cpetersen@minnetonkamn.gov).

Your name:

Your age:

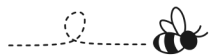
City you live in:

Parent/adult name:

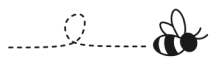
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## Take the Polli-Neighbor Pledge to help pollinators!

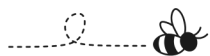
Ask your family, friends, teachers and others to join you.



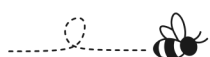
**Plant different kinds of flowers** to provide nectar and pollen through the spring, summer and autumn.



**Include milkweed in your plantings.** It's the only food monarch caterpillars can eat.

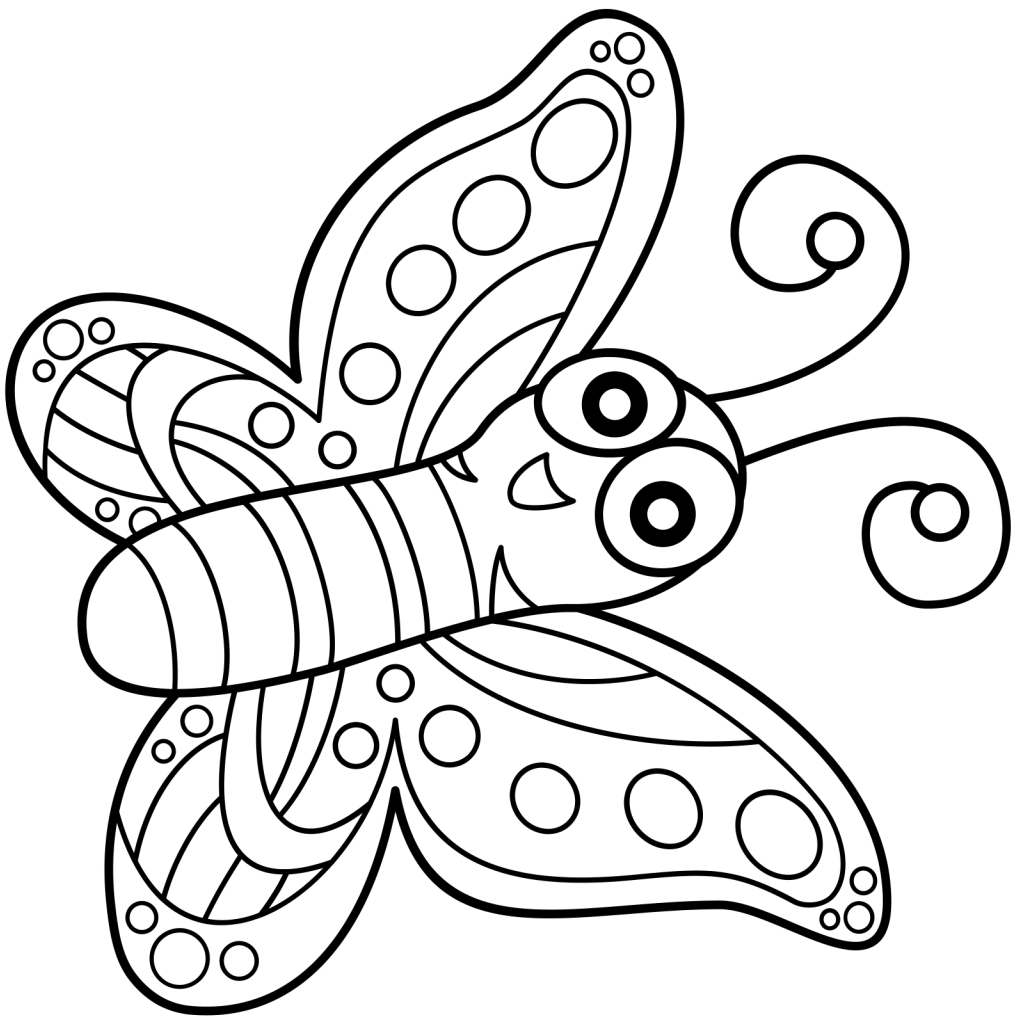


**Try to avoid using chemicals in your yard.** They can harm pollinators.

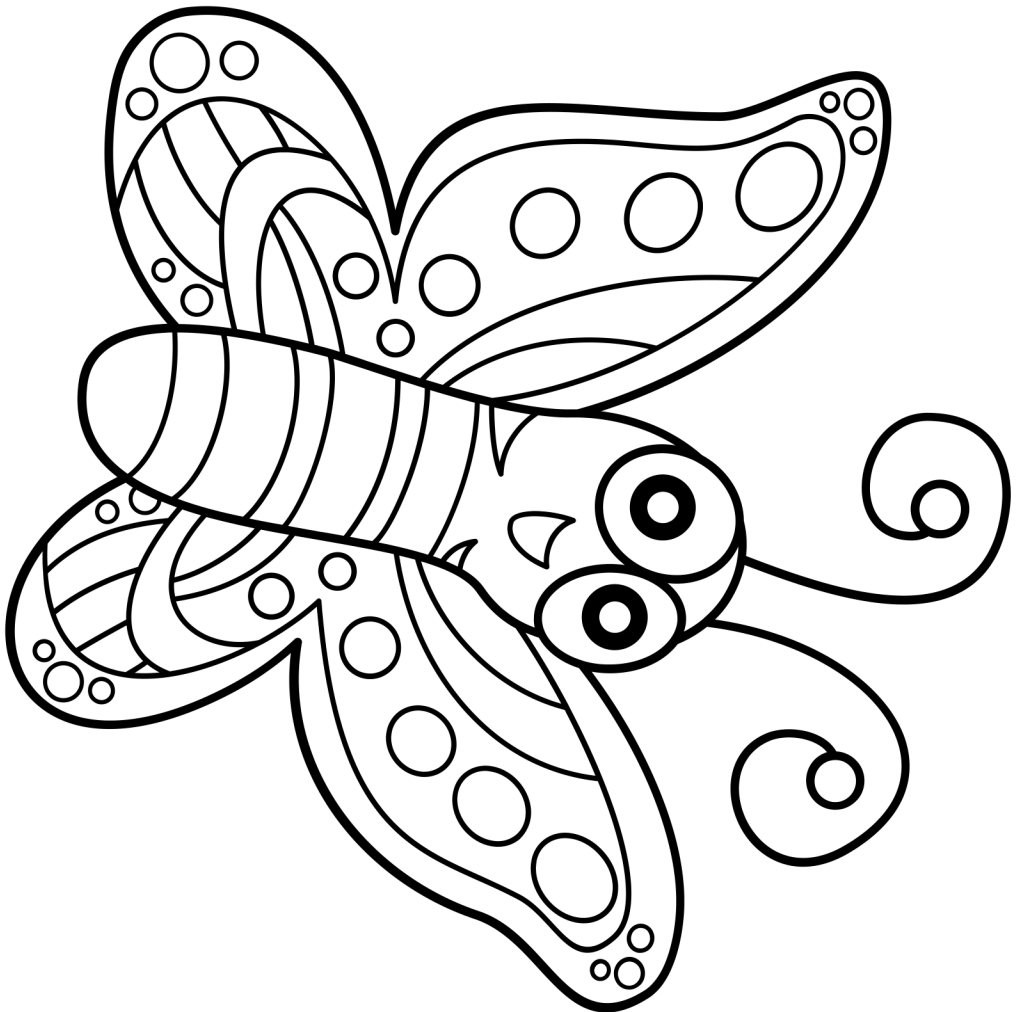


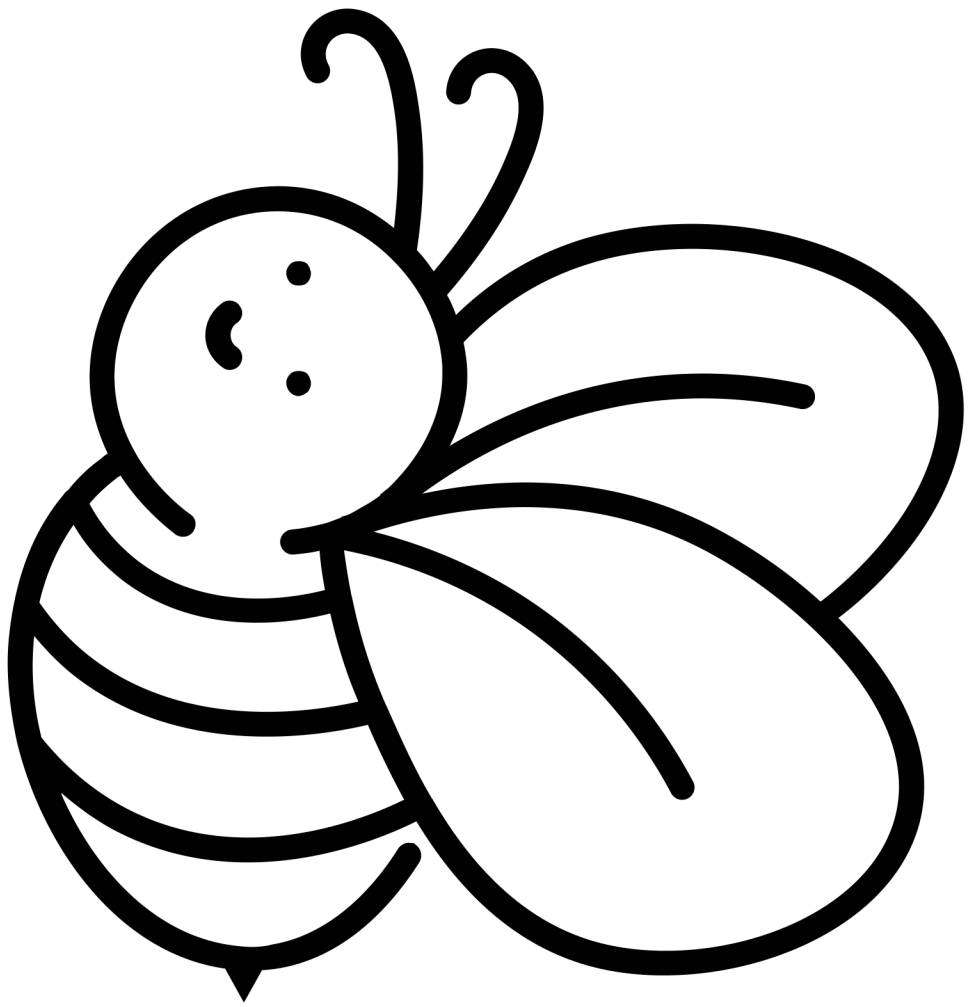
**Create winter safe spaces for pollinators.** Leaf piles and patches of bare soil are good, or the hollow stems of dead flowers.



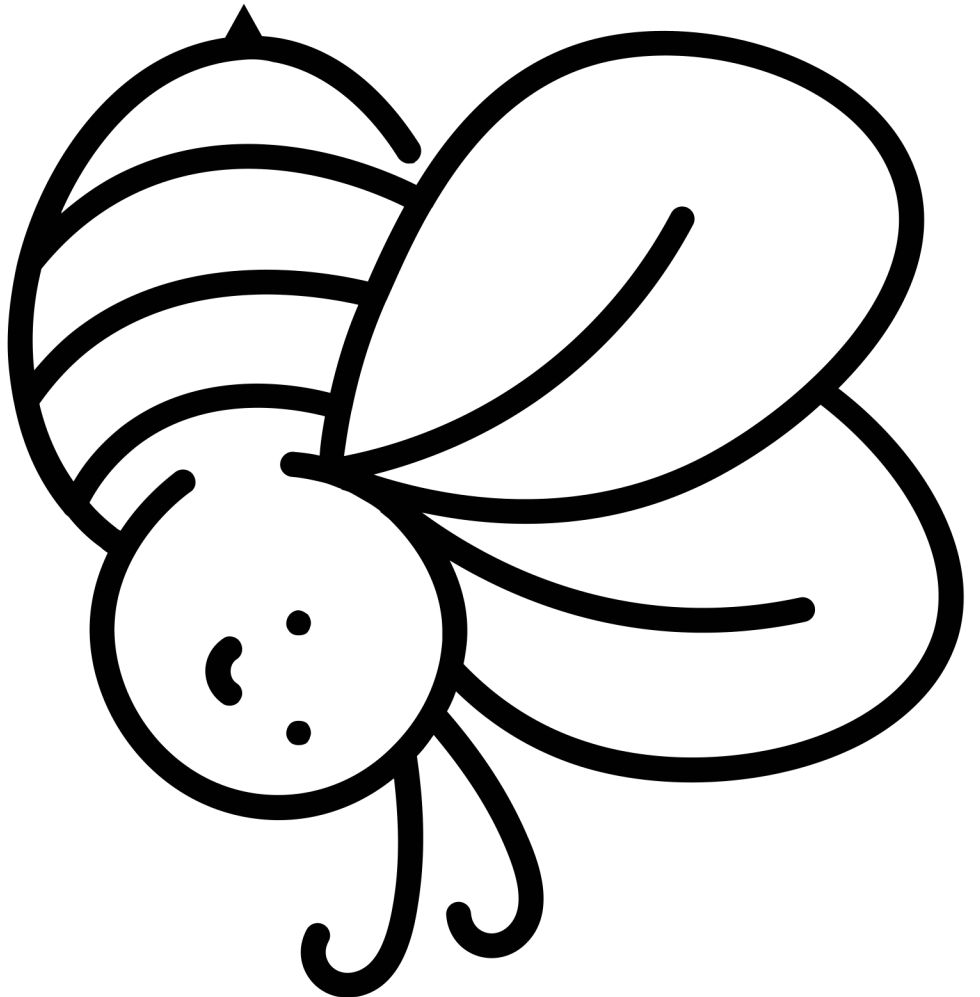


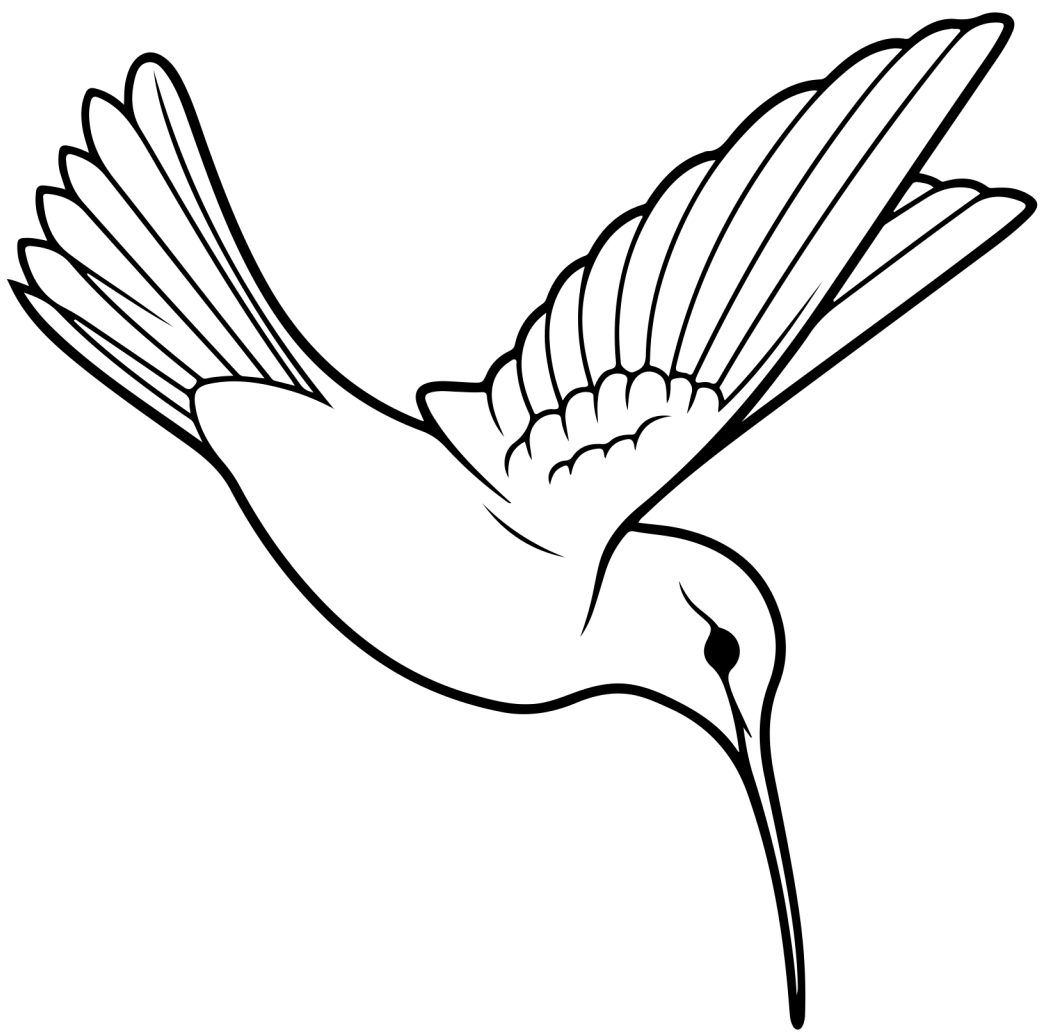
My butterfly's  
name is:





My bumblebee's  
name is:





My hummingbird's  
name is:

