# Nature's fantastic frequent flyers

Join thousands of fellow gardeners using MyPestGuide® Reporter to keep your garden safe and learn about your local organisms.

## The buzz about pollinators

Bees, moths, butterflies, beetles and other flying insects visit flowers to drink nectar or feed on pollen. These insects shift pollen grains as they move from one plant to another, helping them reproduce.

Pollinators play an important role in food production and maintaining natural ecosystems and biodiversity.

Keep pollinators coming! Maintaining gardens free of pests will ensure diverse species of pollinators keep visiting plants and assisting plant production.

## Pollinators come in many shapes and sizes

Native bees, honeybees, butterflies, moths, hoverflies, wasps, beetles and other insects help pollinate native plants like eucalyptus, bottlebrushes, garden plants like lavender, and crops like mangoes, apples, bananas, dragon fruit, blueberries, melon, strawberries, peaches, and potatoes.



## Why your participation matters

**Early detection** Your reports may help identify potential biosecurity threats early.

**Support our economy** Your reports may prove our crops are safe, keeping WA's

exports strong and our markets open.

**Learn and engage** Learn more about insects and other organisms around your

home, garden and local community.

## Make a report with MyPestGuide® Reporter app

## Materials required

- A mobile device (phone or tablet) with MyPestGuide® Reporter app installed.
- A ruler, card, coin or pen to place in the picture as a size reference.
- A white sheet or blanket and a torch.

## Steps to take

- Check trunks, branches or stems for signs of insect activity.
- 2. Snap some photos of insects and the tree where you found them. These will assist our specialists identify the insect species.
- 3. Tell us their appearance, colour, shape, size and where on the tree you saw them.
- 4. Send the report.



Report your observations
MyPestGuide® Reporter
via app or online
mypestguide.dpird.wa.gov.au

To photograph moths and nocturnal insects, hang a white sheet or blanket and secure the bottom to the ground. Illuminate it with a torch. Wait for insects to land and become still to take the photograph.

## Look for pollinator activity around flowers











