



MY POLLINATOR Spotter Sheet

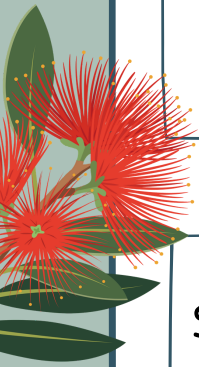


Explorer Name:

Date:

Sanctuary Name:

Weather Today:



Step 1: Find the Flowers!

Before looking for pollinators, see what's blooming in your spray-free sanctuary today.

- [] Bright Colours (Yellow, purple, pink, or white flowers)
- [] Sweet Smells (Gently sniff a blossom!)
- [] Flower Shapes (Are they tubular like trumpets, or flat like landing pads?)





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Step 2: Pollinator Spotter Challenge

Take your clipboard outside, stand quietly near a patch of flowers for 3 minutes, and see who comes to visit!

Check the box every time you spot one:

1. NZ Native Bees (Ngaro Huruhuru) [] SPOTTED!

- How to spot: Small, dark, and sleek (often smaller than a fly). They don't live in hives—look for them hovering near clay banks or ground nests!
- Fun Fact: Aotearoa has 28 native bee species, and none of them sting.
- Count how many you see: []





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2. Honeybee & Bumblebee [] SPOTTED!

- How to spot: Honeybees are golden-brown; Bumblebees are large, extra fuzzy, and striped.
- Fun Fact: Bumblebees were brought to NZ in 1885 to help pollinate clover fields.
- Count how many you see: []



3. Hoverfly (Hārangi) [] SPOTTED!

- How to spot: Yellow-and-black stripes like a bee, but stays still in mid-air like a miniature helicopter!
- Fun Fact: They can fly backwards and sideways, and their larvae eat garden aphids.

Count how many you see: []





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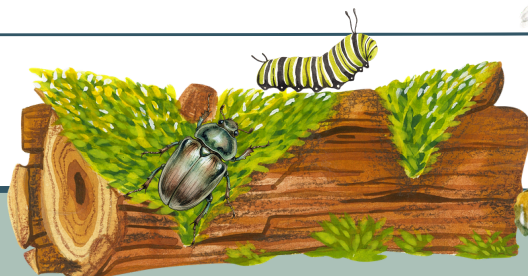
4. Native Butterflies (Copper / Monarch) [] SPOTTED!

- How to spot: Look for bright orange Copper butterflies low to the ground, or velvety dark Red Monarchs with red patches.
- Fun Fact: The native Copper butterfly relies on Muehlenbeckia (pōhuehue) plants to lay its eggs.
- Count how many you see: []



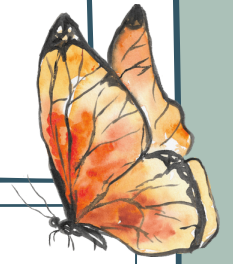
5. Ladybirds & Beneficial Beetles [] SPOTTED!

- How to spot: Small, shiny, rounded beetles crawling on leaves.
- Fun Fact: A single ladybird can eat thousands of garden pests over its lifetime, keeping the sanctuary healthy naturally.
- Count how many you see: []





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Step 3: Draw Your Favourite Visitor!
In the box below, sketch the coolest
insect or flower you saw in the
sanctuary today:

Sanctuary Guardian Note: When our garden stays spray-free,
all these tiny creatures have a safe place to eat, rest, and
help our plants grow. Thank you for protecting them!

