

INSECTS MATTER -TAKE ACTION

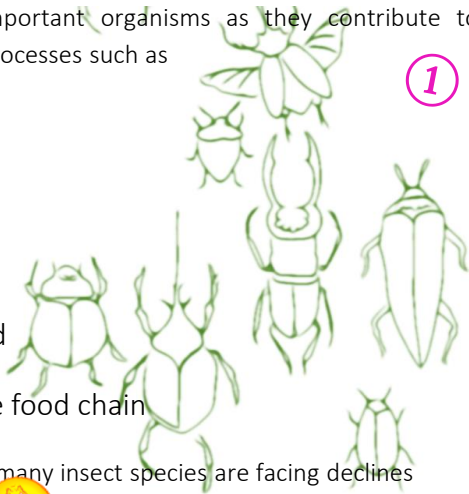
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Insects are extremely important organisms as they contribute to fundamental ecosystem processes such as

- Pollination
- Seed dispersal
- Decomposition
- Nutrient cycling and
- They are part of the food chain

Despite their importance, many insect species are facing declines caused by humans.



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Where and when you can do it ?

Where?? Any place with **flowering plants**; from natural areas to dense urban centres.

When?? **whenever the weather is suitable**; dry, warm and sunny.

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What you have to do ?

- Choose your **target flower** (either native or non-native plant)
- Do a **ten-minute Flower-Insect Timed Count (FIT Count)**:
Count all the insects that are either already present in the patch or and on a patch (50x50cm quadrat)

Don't forget to submit your records
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The **Akrotiri wetland**, Ramsar site, SBA Cyprus does not have a well-documented insect fauna also true for the rest of the island of Cyprus.

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PoMS-Ký is the Pollinator Monitoring scheme for Cyprus. It adopts **citizen science** approaches in order to **record insects visiting flowers**, providing an opportunity to **address current data gaps** for populations and distributions of pollinators across Cyprus.

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Children are the future of our planet, involving young people in insect recording is very important **mini PoMS-Ký** is a scheme for elementary and high school children

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Non-destructive method



More soon! In order to help children and adults to develop basic skills in insect identification an online game will be released soon



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