

# Pollinator Profile: Beetles

Beetles are referred to as “**mess and soil**” pollinators.

Less elegant than other pollinators, beetles

blunder their way through delicate

blossoms searching for food, a mate,

or perhaps the bathroom.

## Favorite Flowers

✓ **Flower Color:** Dull white or green

✓ **Nectar Guides:** Absent

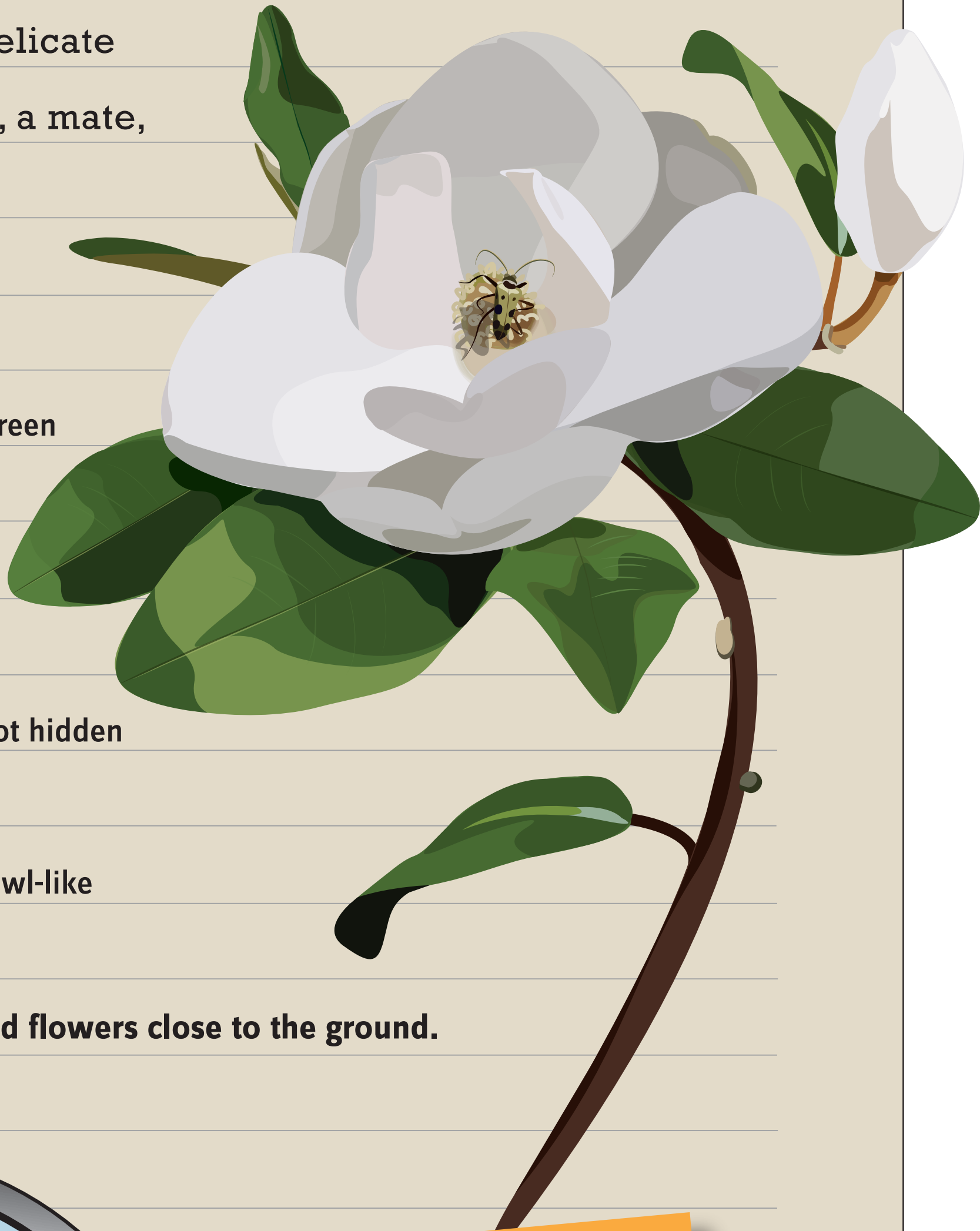
✓ **Odor:** None to strongly fruity

or fetid (stinky)

✓ **Nectar:** Sometimes present; not hidden

✓ **Pollen:** Ample

✓ **Flower Shape:** Large and bowl-like



Beetles frequently visit magnolias and flowers close to the ground.

Do you know  
beetles are abundant  
and ancient?

There are almost **four times**  
**as many species of beetles**  
as animals with backbones.  
Beetles were among the **very**  
**first pollinators.**

