

Pollinator Profile: Moths

Most moths go unnoticed even though they **outnumber butterflies 10 to 1**. Why? They are often **active at night** and **dull in appearance**. Night-blooming flowers have sweet scents and white or cream-colored blossoms that reflect the moonlight to attract moths after the sun sets.

Favorite Flowers

- ✓ **Flower Color:** Pale and dull red, purple, pink or white
- ✓ **Nectar Guides:** Absent
- ✓ **Odor:** Strong sweet; emitted at night
- ✓ **Nectar:** Ample; deeply hidden
- ✓ **Pollen:** Limited
- ✓ **Flower Shape:** Regular; tubular without a lip

Moths frequently visit four o'clocks, moonflowers, and tobacco.

Do you know
another nocturnal
pollinator?

Though you won't see any here, bats are nighttime pollinators in many parts of the world. They pollinate some of our favorite tropical fruits like bananas, guavas, and mangoes.

