

# Pollinator Profile: Beetles

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

Less elegant than other pollinators, beetles

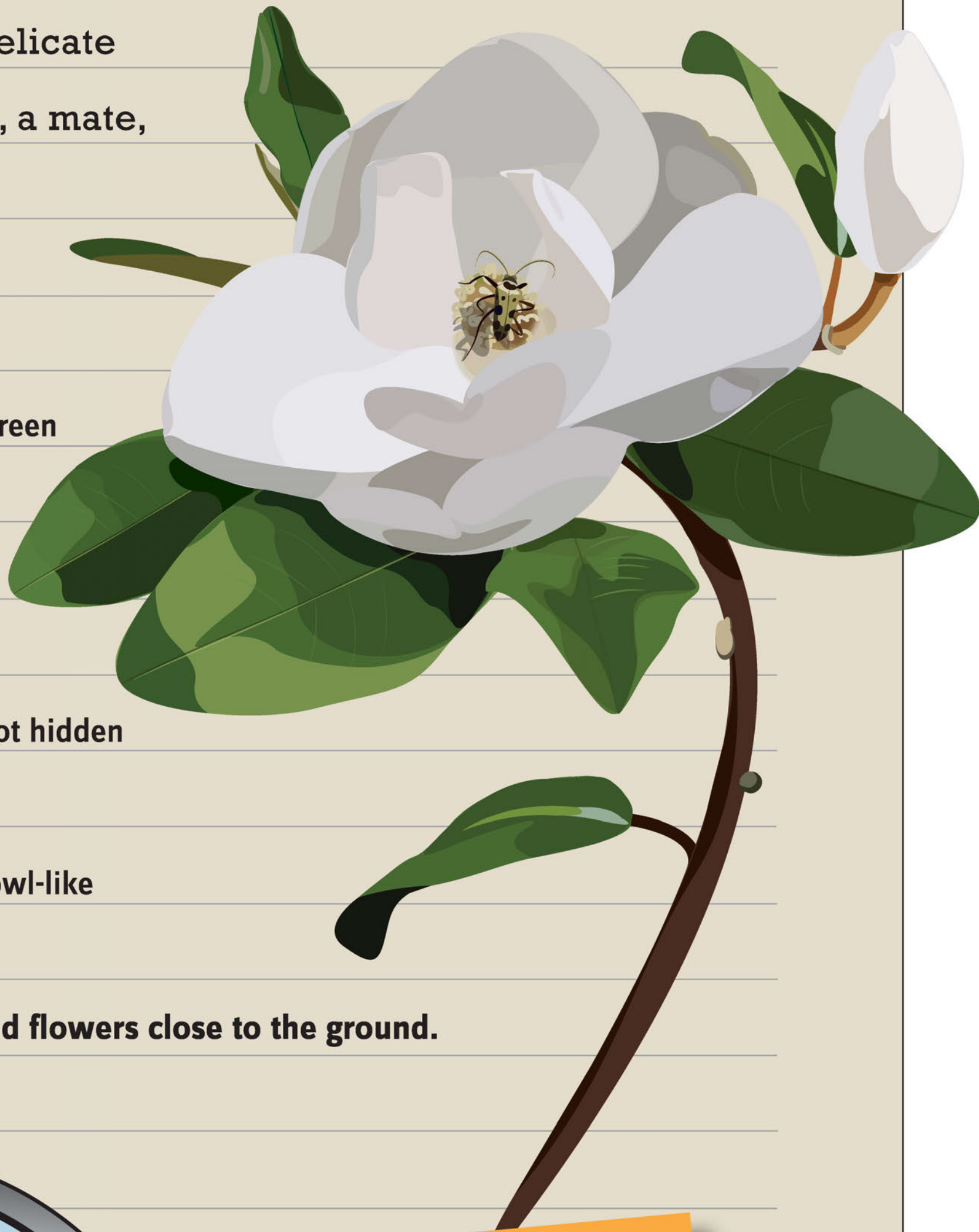
blunder their way through delicate

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**.

