FLIES ARE POLLINATORS!

Many people think of flies as pests, and certainly there are many pest species. Fewer people realize the beneficial activities provided by flies, including pest control, food for birds and fish, decomposers and soil conditioners, as well as water quality indicators, and pollinators of many plants. Depending on the region, the time of the day, the flowering phenology and weather conditions, flies may be the main or exclusive pollinators, or share pollination services with bees and other pollinators.

In addition to these small white flowers emerging from the stems, very small midges of the families Ceratopogonidae and Cecidomyiidae pollinate the small white flowers of the different cocoa varieties. Fruit production, with various levels of self-incompatibility present in the cocoa tree (Theobroma cacao), is essential for the cocoa tree. For the cocoa tree, no chocolate without flies:

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