

Habitat

Nesting and overwintering

Different species have different habitat needs. They all need a comfortable place that will shelter them from the cold, rain, and wind.

Pollinators live in, or, or underneath:

- plant stems and stalks
- overwintering plants
- dead wood
- bare soil (tunnels)
- crevices in rocks
- hedgerows / wild areas
- piles of undisturbed leaves

Did you know that most pollinators do not migrate? Instead, they overwinter as adults, larvae, or eggs, depending on the species.

Wait till spring to clean up your garden.



Chrysalis and Adult

Tiger swallowtail chrysalis. Photo by TheAlphaWolf – Own work, commons.wikimedia.org

Do Hummingbirds sleep?

If you find a **hummingbird** hanging upside-down and appears to be dead, it is more likely that it is just asleep.



Most **insects** are either active only during the day or at **night**. When they're not active, they rest. This state of rest in **insects** is called torpor, and it's not exactly like sleep as we know it.

During torpor, they remain very still and don't respond to stimuli around them.



Leafcutter Bee making a Nest