

Pollinating Athens



Short name

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Formal name

Learning about the urban flora and pollinators that are around the city of Athens

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A collective of humans, pollinators and flowers working towards making Athens a green and diverse paradise.



Summary

The project has three main pillars with complementing sub activities: The first is the main CS event activities (“BioBlitzes”) that will take place in public areas of the city. Citizens will be using their phone’s camera to take pictures of the pollinators and urban flora they encounter and upload these pictures on projects on iNaturalist. The second is analyzing the data collected and information dissemination. We aim to determine the current biodiversity level and populations of pollinators in the examined areas and which plants provide significant sources of food for them. Our aim is to engage the motivated participants of BioBlitzes in this process, and create attractive storytelling to channel our findings. We will be lab testing urban hive products to identify popular food sources for pollinators. The third pillar is education. We will be introducing participants to honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) and other pollinators’ lifecycle. We will be visiting hives and building insect hotels with our participants.