



Hoverfly Lagoons

Why build lagoons for hoverflies?

There are over 6000 species of hoverfly worldwide, 280 species live in the UK.

Hoverflies are important pollinators and are disappearing from our countryside.

Some species of hoverfly have an aquatic larval stage, and the habitat they need, such as water-filled holes in trees called rot holes, is rarely found in gardens.



Hoverflies



Tree rot hole



Larvae can be found all year round



Hoverfly lagoon

Aquatic hoverfly larvae have a long breathing tube, which they can extend to breathe while feeding deeper in the hole.

One way we can encourage hoverflies into our gardens and boost hoverfly populations is by making hoverfly lagoons, a type of rot hole made in a pot or empty milk bottle.

Some species you might spot visiting your lagoons!



Tiger Hoverfly



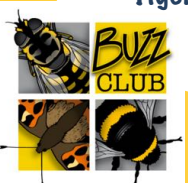
Furry pine hoverfly



Batman hoverfly



Dronefly



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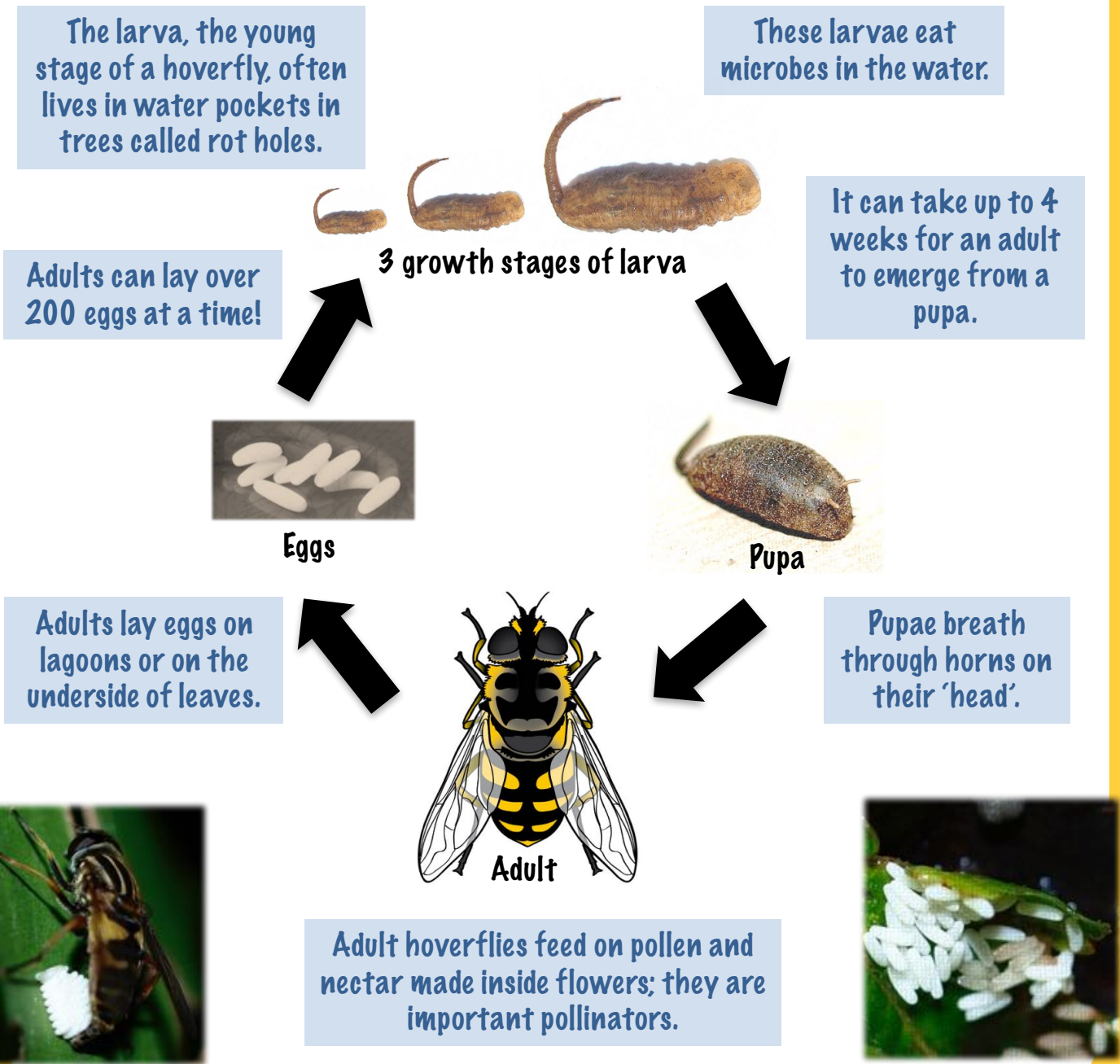
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Life Cycle of the semi-aquatic hoverfly



Tiger Hoverfly laying eggs



Hoverfly eggs on a lagoon

