



Beetle Pollination

- Several modern plant species are pollinated largely or exclusively by beetles - beetles were probably the first important group of insect pollinators
- Beetle flowers - large, borne singly - Magnolia, some lilies, California poppies, and wild roses
- or small and in inflorescence - dogwood, elders, parsley
- Beetles have quite a well-developed sense of smell and their flowers are often quite odoriferous - fruity, spicy or foul odors such as from fermentation
- Flowers often white or dully colored
- Often produce large amounts of pollen, some produce a little nectar, beetles chew directly on petals of some

