## **BEETLES**

## 5,000 Species in Oregon

Yes, beetles are pollinators, too, and have been for millions of years. Beetles are well-suited for crawling around in wide open flowers or descending into closed buds, transferring pollen to the appropriate reproductive organs and fertilizing the flower. Beetles are the unsung heroes of pest control in our gardens, orchards, and fields.

The soldier beetle has a voracious appetite for aphids, caterpillars, mites, grasshopper eggs, and other small pests.



## **TYPES OF FLOWERS**

Bowl shaped flowers, usually white or dull white. Strongly fruity, open during the day and moderate pectin producer. Beetles are well suited for crawling around in wide open flowers or descending into closed buds, transferring pollen and fertilizing the flower.

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Adult lady beetles eat aphids, mites, and mealy bugs, and their hungry larvae do even more damage to garden pests.