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Many sizes

Did you know that there are around 270 species of hoverfly in Britain, and they come in many sizes, from just a few millimetres to almost 20 millimetres.

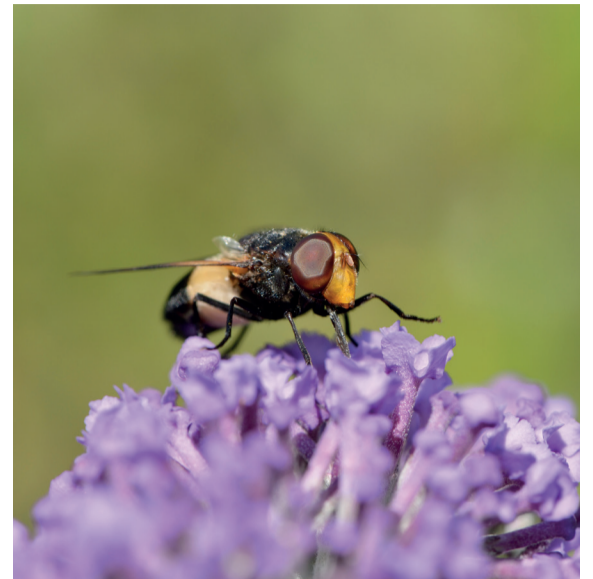


On the move

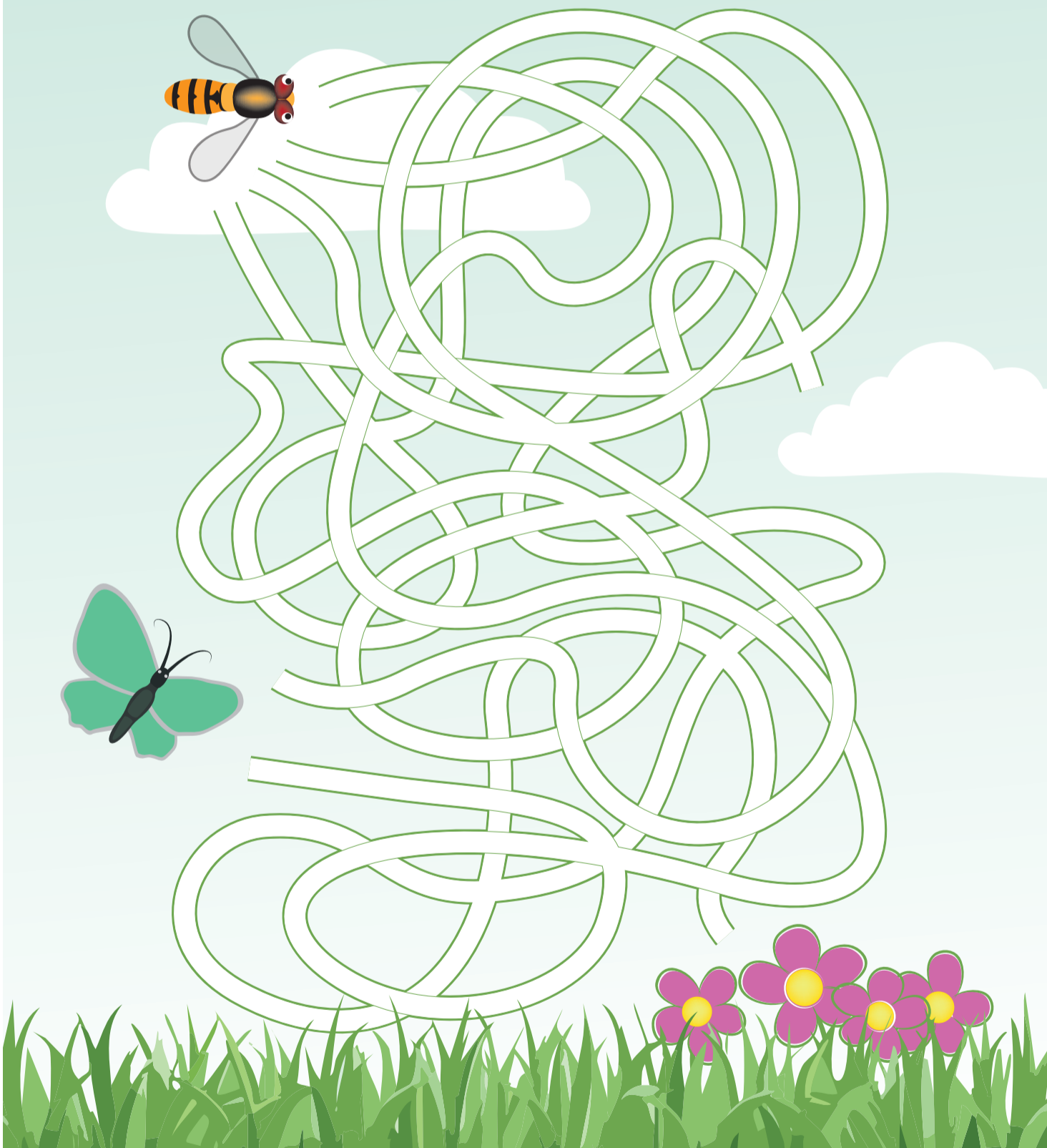
Many hoverfly species can migrate. In Europe some kinds of hoverfly move north around May and June, and come late summer and early autumn they move back to southern Europe. It is a different generation that will fly south.

The gardener's friend

Hoverflies are popular in gardens as they control aphids which are harmful to many plants.



Choose the right path to help the hoverfly find the flowers



Who do you think I am?

Some hoverflies can look like wasps or bees. They do this to protect themselves from being eaten by birds and other insects. By looking like a wasp or bee the hoverfly makes others think they might deliver a sting if attacked.



Find the word

C	S	O
I	P	B
S	R	O

This word is the name for the straw-like tongue that hoverflies use to feed on nectar.

Answer = Proboscis

Short lived

Hoverflies don't live for long, typically between a few days to a few weeks.



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