

Flowers that attract

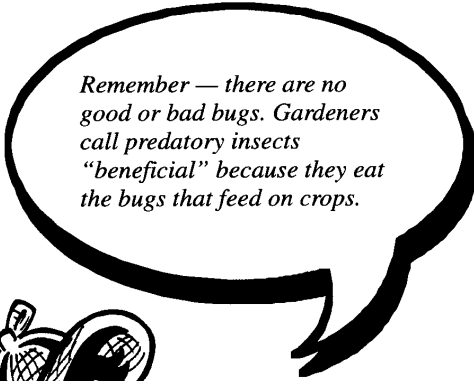
Not only are flowering plants beautiful, they also help create a balanced garden ecosystem

because they attract insects to *pollinate* them.

Plants develop flowers as part of their reproductive cycle. Flowers develop into fruits and seeds after they have been pollinated. Insects transfer *pollen* grains from one flower to the next, as they feed on pollen and nectar. (See page 72)

Besides eating pollen and *nectar*, some insects eat other insects. These predatory insects are sometimes called “beneficial insects” because gardeners find them useful in controlling bugs that cause plant damage.

Some plants are famous for their ability to attract predatory insects. These plants are sometimes called “beneficial” or “insectory” plants and are planted to prevent or control insects that might damage plants. (See page 74.)



Remember — there are no good or bad bugs. Gardeners call predatory insects “beneficial” because they eat the bugs that feed on crops.

