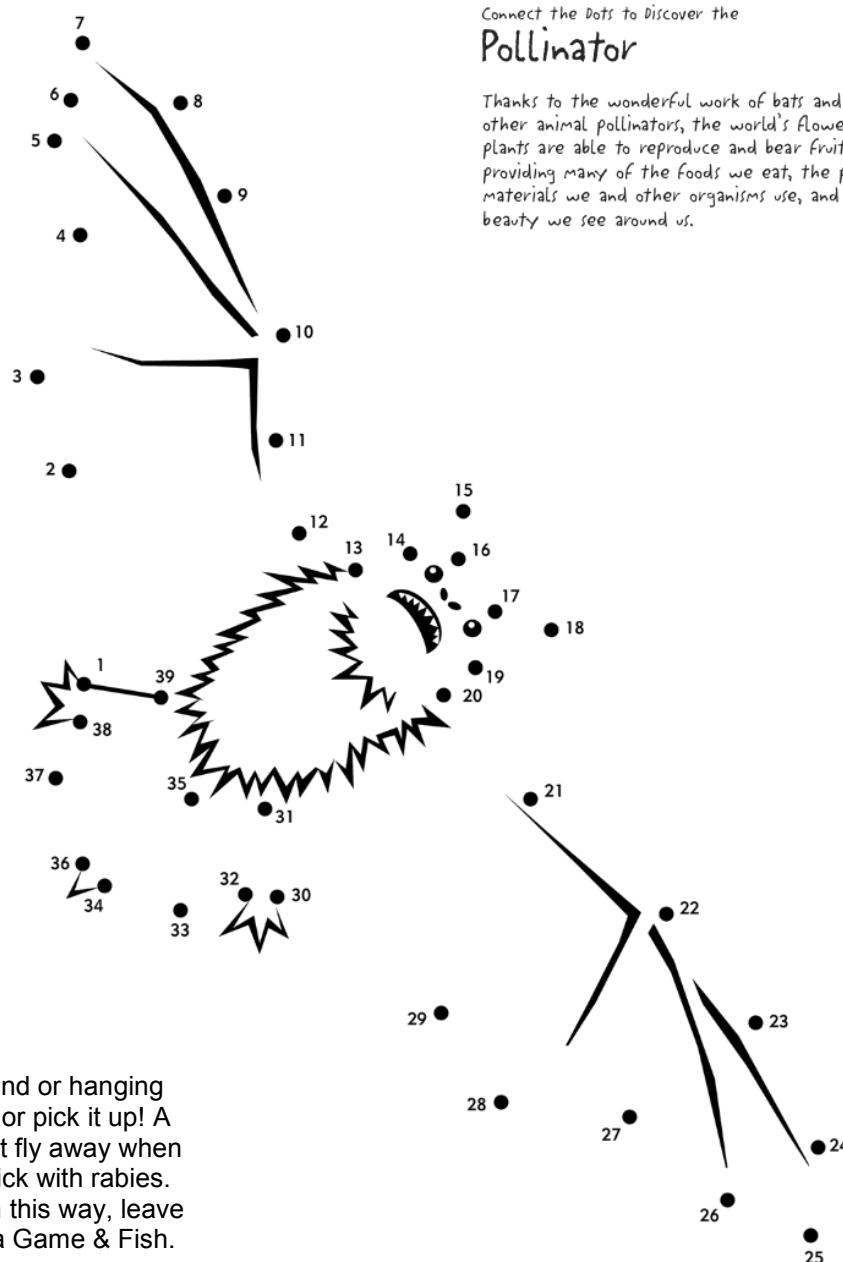


ARIZONA EDVENTURES

Going Batty

Arizona boasts an amazing diversity of bats - of the 40 bat species north of Mexico, 28 species live in Arizona - more than almost any other state! These flying mammals can be found in every type of habitat from deserts to forests and even urban areas. Bats often roost in large colonies, but some live alone. Bats are very beneficial to humans. They are voracious insect eaters, and bats feeding upon nectar pollinate certain plants.



If you find a bat on the ground or hanging low on a wall, don't touch it or pick it up! A bat within reach that doesn't fly away when approached is quite likely sick with rabies. If you find a bat behaving in this way, leave it alone and contact Arizona Game & Fish.