

EXPLORE BEES



From the words below, choose the correct word to fill in the blanks about bees:

- farms
- hives
- honey
- peppers
- bees
- seeds
- greenhouses
- livestock (animals)

Did you know 300 types of _____ bees _____ live in Alberta? They all help pollinate plants so they can grow _____ seeds _____.



Most bees live in the wild but three kinds of bees are kept on _____ farms _____.

Honey bees are kept in _____ hives _____. They pollinate and they collect nectar to make sweet _____ honey _____.

Bumble bees are kept in _____ greenhouses _____ to pollinate tomatoes and _____ peppers _____.

Leafcutter bees are kept in alfalfa fields to help the plants create seed that can be sold to other farmers for their _____ livestock _____ to eat.

No need to fear. – Bees only sting when trying to defend themselves; if you ignore them, they will ignore you!



What do bees look like? Bees have many of the same body parts as other insects:

- head
- thorax
- abdomen
- six legs
- two antennae
- two big eyes (bees have three more tiny eyes too!)

Bees are hairy. They have four wings. Their antennae are bent.

Bees don't all look the same.

Honey bees are slender with a golden abdomen and brown stripes.

Bumble bees are big and fuzzy and can have stripes that are black, yellow, white and even orange.

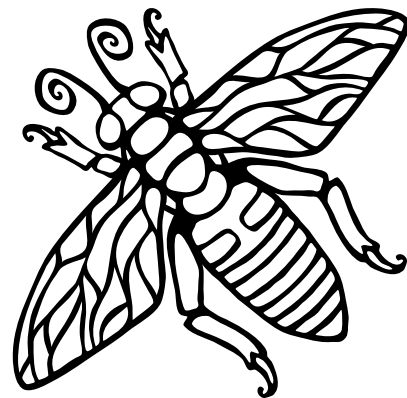
Leafcutter bees are a bit bigger than a honey bee. They have a black abdomen with thin white stripes.

*Make your backyard a bee playground!
Plant different types of flowers.
Grow flowers with simple blossoms.*

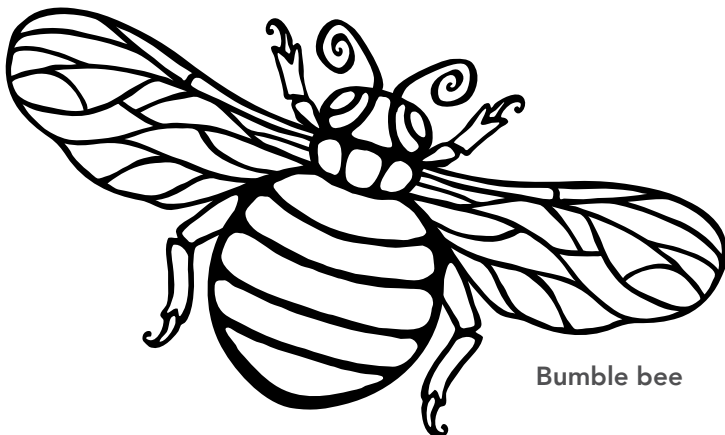


*Place a leaf or small stick
in a puddle so bees can
land to have a drink!*

Your bees could look like these!



Leafcutter bee



Bumble bee



Honey bee

