

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ live in Alberta? They all help pollinate plants so they can grow \_\_\_\_\_.



Most bees live in the wild but three kinds of bees are kept on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Honey bees** are kept in \_\_\_\_\_. They pollinate and they collect nectar to make sweet \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bumble bees** are kept in \_\_\_\_\_ to pollinate tomatoes and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Leafcutter bees** are kept in alfalfa fields to help the plants create seed that can be sold to other farmers for their \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

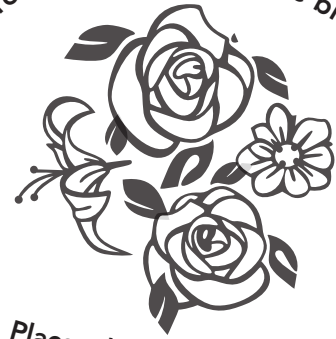
Bumble bees are big and fuzzy and can have stripes that are black, yellow, white and even orange.

Leafcutter bees are a bit bigger than a honey bee.

They have a black abdomen with thin white stripes.

What kind of bee are you going to draw? I am drawing a \_\_\_\_\_ bee.

*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!*