

Bees of Oregon

A sampling of the 500+ known species of Oregon bees to show variation in form and color.



European Honey Bee



Red Nomad Bee



Longhorn Bee



Nevada Bumblebee



Metallic Sweat Bee



Blue Orchard Bee



Cuckoo Bee



Vosnesenski's Bumblebee



Large Sweat Bee



Digger Bee



Pugnacious Leaf-cutter Bee



Mining Bee



Small Carpenter Bee



Wool-Carder Bee



Hoplitis Leaf-Cutting Bee



Small Sweat Bee



Cuckoo-leaf-cutter Bee



Green Leaf-Cutting Bee

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Did you know? Oregon has around 500 species of native bees. In addition to managed bees, Oregon's native bees are responsible for pollinating crops essential to our food supply and the state's economy. Oregon crops and bees have close, mutually beneficial relationships.

The Problem: Bees around the world are under threat from disease, habitat loss, and other environmental pressures.

A Solution: Oregon's farms produce about 200 crops that provide bees with many sources of pollen and nectar throughout the growing season. High levels of nutrition are critical for bee health. In addition, many hedgerows and natural areas bordering Oregon crop fields provide bees with ideal nesting habitats.

What Can I Do? Recognize, encourage and support Oregon farmers who implement practices and protect pollinator populations.

The Oregon Bee Project is a cooperative effort between the Oregon Department of Agriculture and a diverse set of collaborators working to foster and protect Oregon pollinators vital to the state's production of specialty crops. This project involves research, public outreach and education, and the creation of a pilot bee friendly farm certification. This certification will reward growers who adopt bee-friendly practices.

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