

# NATIVE BEE WORKSHEET



**Generalist:** Visits many different flowers

Pollen collection: Dry pollen with scopae on abdomen

Solitary: Lives alone

**Nests:** Cavity in stems and tubes, where leaves cut in circles are put around each egg

Flight range: 100 meters

Favorite plants to pollinate: Alfalfa, garden flowers, prairie plants



## SWEAT

Generalist: Visits many different flowers

**Pollen collection:** Dry pollen with scopae on legs

Solitary: Lives alone

**Nesting:** Ground tunnels, one entrance to tunnel with individual chambers for each pollen ball and egg

Flight range: 100 meters

**Favorite plants to pollinate:** Wide range of garden and native flowers and *some crops* 



### SQUASH BEE

Generalist: Visits mostly squash family

Pollen collection: Dry pollen with scopae on legs

**Solitary:** Live alone, near their food source

Nesting: Ground tunnels, one entrance to tunnel with individual chambers for each pollen ball and egg

Flight range: 100 meters

Favorite plants to pollinate: Squash, pumpkins, zucchini, cucumbers



#### BUMBLE BEE

Generalist: Visits many different flowers

Pollen collection: Wet pollen in corbicula

Social: Lives in colony with

many indviduals

**Nesting:** Burrow usually in ground, young raised in wax pots

Flight range: 1 - 5 miles

Favorite plants to pollinate: Tomatoes, cranberries, cherries, apples, pears, clovers



#### MASON BEE

**Generalist:** Visits many different flowers

**Pollen collection:** Dry pollen with scopae on abdomen

Solitary: Lives alone

**Nesting:** Cavities in stems and tubes, each nesting chamber made with clayey mud

Flight range: 100 meters

Favorite plants to pollinate: Cherries, apples, plums, peaches, almonds





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