

HELP US SAVE THE HONEY BEES

There are 7-12 species of Honey Bees worldwide. *Apis Mellifera*, or the Western Honey Bee, is the most common of these species and can be found in colonies in your local beekeeper's apiaries or in urban areas managed on rooftops and in backyards.

These bees are eusocial, meaning they exist in colonies led by a single female (or queen).

There are many thousands of workers which are also female and relatively few males, also known as "drones" which are involved only in reproduction.

The Honey Bee is furrier than the wasp and not as large or plump as the Bumblebee.

They are not typically aggressive unless they are directly disturbed or the hive is being threatened.

Honey Bee swarms land on trees or other outdoor objects as the members search for a new home. Honey Bees are more pale in color than the bumble bee or wasp.

How you can protect the Honey Bees

- Support local beekeepers by getting your honey from local farmers' markets and other local businesses.
- Create a pollinator habitat with bee-friendly plants in your yard or on your school or business property.
- Plant a bee water garden to attract pollinators.

Aim for at least three different plants for each blooming season

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