

# Urban Pollination Guide

## WHY ARE BEES IMPORTANT



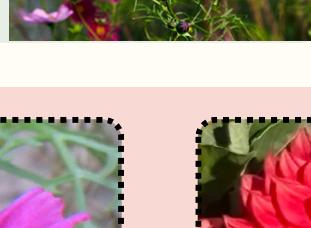
# WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A BEE

## Why you should care

- Bees are responsible for pollinating 80% of the world's flowering plants
- about 75 percent of 115 top global food crops depend on animal pollination
- Bees are also utilized as livestock by humans for products such as honey and beeswax

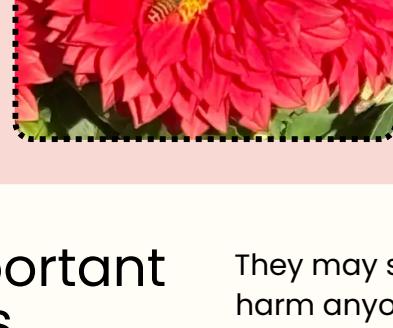
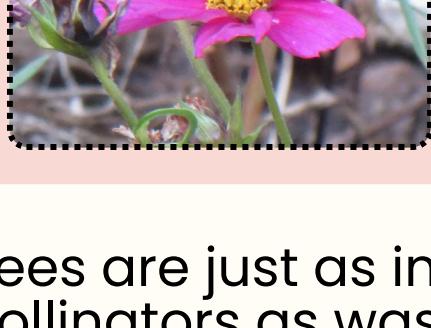
## Helpful Flowers to Plant

- Shepards Needles
- Cosmos
- Hong Kong Orchid Trees



## Small Lifestyle changes

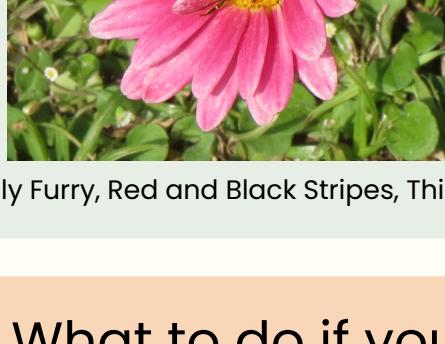
- Limit or eliminate use of pesticides in your gardens
- plant eco-friendly flowers with lots of pollen
- notify local conservation groups if you see a beehive on your property to have it relocated
- leave a bowl of water out to allow the pollinators to hydrate



## Bees are just as important pollinators as wasps

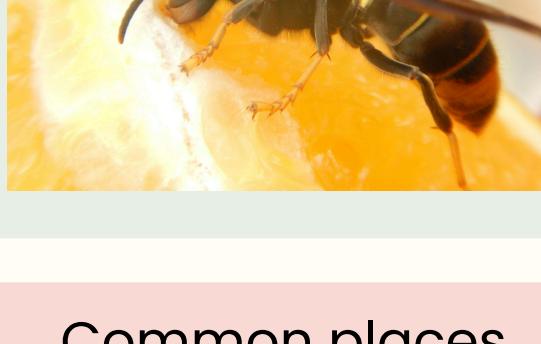
They may seem more aggressive, but won't harm anyone unless they feel threatened, which is the same with bees

### How to Identify a Bee



Typically Furry, Red and Black Stripes, Thick Waist

### How to Identify a Wasp



## What to do if you see bees swarming like this...



Your best bet is to leave the bees alone. They aren't looking to be aggressive, just looking for a place to call home!

## Common places bees & wasps build nests

In dark, damp places sheltered from the outside for bee hives,

- Wasps abandon their nest each year after the season is over.
- Honey bees continue to build their nest throughout the season.

## How to react when you see bees

Don't panic! Here are some things you can do...

- Leave them be! Bees are very docile and most likely won't bother you if you don't bother them

- Call your local bee conservation to have the hive relocated