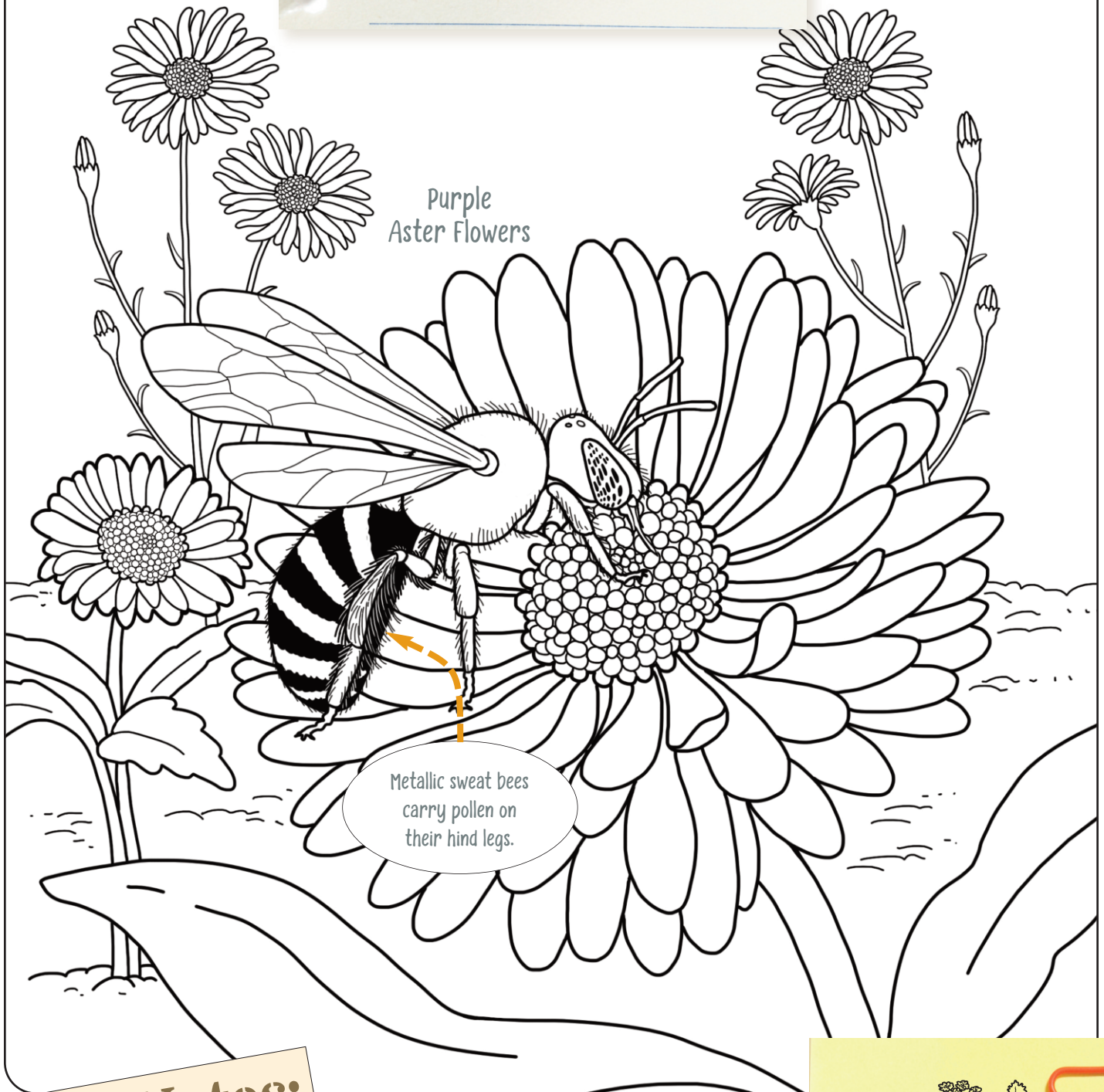


# Green Metallic Sweat Bee

Genus: *Agapostemon*



## Field Notes:

**Green metallic sweat bees** belong to the genus ***Agapostemon*** (pronounced a-ga-POSS-ta-mon). They pollinate the flowers of many cultivated plants (plants grown on purpose) as well as many wildflowers. Sweat bees get their name from the fact that they collect salt by licking the sweat of mammals. They are medium-sized and have a bright metallic green color. These bees love open and flat-shaped flowers such as daisies, dandelions, wild roses, and blackberry and apple flowers. They love purple asters, a plant grown by many Oregon nurseries (places where plants are grown on purpose).



Growing flowers in your  
community helps the bees  
that make your food.