

Social Bees

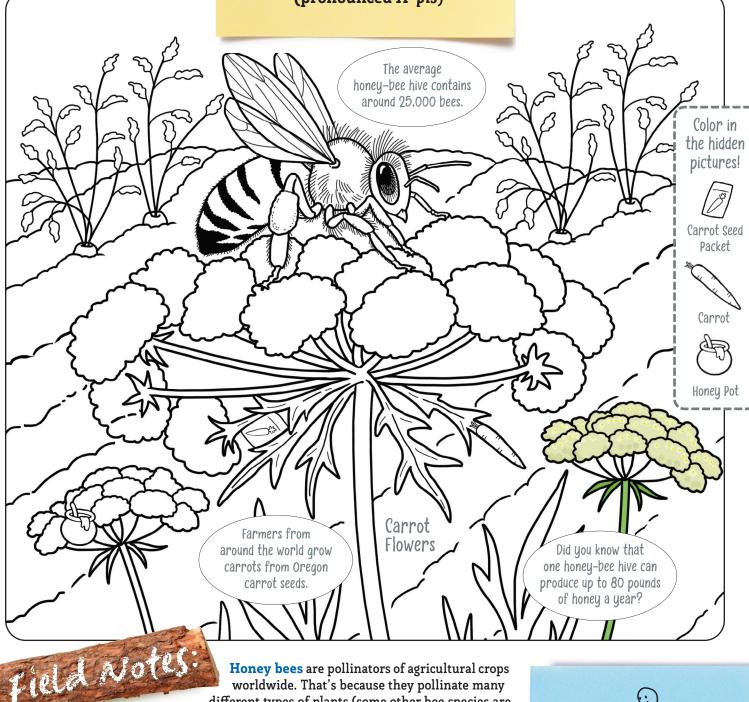
Honey Bees

Genus: Apis

(pronounced A-pis)







Honey bees are pollinators of agricultural crops worldwide. That's because they pollinate many different types of plants (some other bee species are

very picky eaters), and they are easy to manage. For hundreds of years, beekeepers have known how to raise them in portable nests that they can move from field to field. Honey bees make tasty honey, too, which is how they got their name. They are medium-sized bees that range in color from black to pale yellow. Colonizing Europeans brought honey bees to North America starting in the 1620s. In Oregon, they are one of the only pollinators of carrots, which Oregon farmers mainly grow not for the vegetable, but for the seeds produced by carrot flowers.

If you could build a home for a honey bee, what would you use? In what season of the year would you put the home outside? Why?



A trait of these bees is that they are easy to manage. Name a synonym for manage: