



Waggle Dancer



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Social Bees

Honey Bees

Genus: *Apis*
(pronounced A-pis)



Honey Bee
12 to 15 mm in length



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Carrot Seed Packet



Carrot



Honey Pot

The average honey-bee hive contains around 25,000 bees.



A honey bee gathering nectar

Honey bees use their legs to move flower parts, push pollen around their body, clean their head and antennae like windshield wipers and pass pollen from their pollen baskets to other workers in the hive.

Carrot flowers

Did you know that one honey-bee hive can produce up to 80 pounds of honey a year?

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Field Notes:

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 about 150 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 busy.
Name a synonym and antonym for busy:

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