



Bling Bee



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# Solitary and Social Bees

## Green Metallic Sweat Bees

### Genus: *Agapostemon*

(pronounced a-ga-POSS-ta-mon)



Green Metallic Sweat Bee  
7 to 12 mm in length



Green metallic sweat bees have green eyes

Photo by Hilary Kearney

Douglas (purple) asters

Metallic sweat bees carry pollen on their hind back legs.

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

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- Dandelion
- Salt shaker
- Cilantro

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## Field Notes:

**Green metallic sweat bees** pollinate the flowers of many cultivated plants (plants grown on purpose) as well as many wildflowers, like purple asters. Sweat bees have been given this name because they lick the sweat of mammals as a way to add salt to their diet. 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 blossoms. They love purple asters, a plant cultivated by many Oregon nurseries. There are also a number of native purple asters in Oregon.

A trait of this bee is that it is bright in color.  
Name a synonym and antonym for bright:

**If a green metallic sweat bee visited your garden and you wanted to name it, what would you name it and why?**