

# Honeybees





A honeybee is an insect with four wings, six legs, and a furry body.



Honeybees are one of the most common kinds of bees. They live in hives. Bees lay eggs, store food and make honey inside their hive.



Honeybees live in the wild, but they can also live in hives made by people, like this one. This is called a hive box.





There are three kinds of bees, queens, drones and workers.

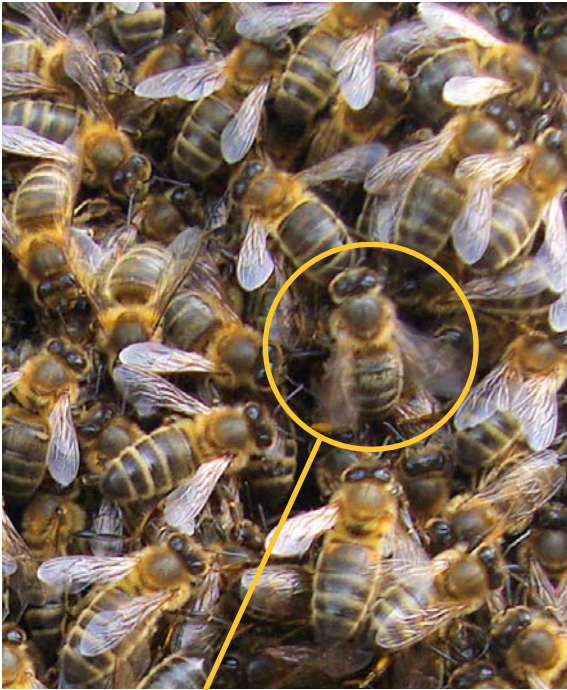
Queens make all the babies and drones help the queen make the babies.



Worker bees get nectar from flowers. Bees use nectar to make honey. Worker bees have to visit over two million flowers to make just one pound of honey!



Worker bees also get pollen from flowers. Bees spread pollen from flower to flower which helps them grow.



dancing bee

Bees help each other find pollen and nectar by doing a dance in their hive.

The bees listen to the dance with tiny hairs on their heads.





Honeybees live short lives, but the work they do is very important. We can thank bees for helping our plants make food and for their sweet honey!

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