

Bee Safety

Swarms

If you spot a wild swarm, here's what to do:

Stop, turn, and walk away. Once you are a safe distance from the hive, contact beekeeper Thomas Sinclair (with the location of the hive) at tjsinclair@gov.bm. The hive will be protected and entered into the database on wild swarms.

Products

The following neo-nicotinoid derivatives found in gardening products and bug sprays are harmful to bees:

Acetamiprid Imidacloprid

Thiacloprid Thiamethoxam

Plants

Here is a short list of common bee-friendly plants for your organic garden:

Oregano	Lavender	Fennel
Milkweed	Thyme	Mint
Sunflower	Loquat	Basil
Citrus Trees	Iceplant	Marigold
Buttonwood	Clover	Rosemary
Pigeonberry	Magnolia	Yellowood
Bottle Brush	Squash	Snowberry
Passionflower	Pentas	Lobelia

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Bees in Bermuda

Honey-makers. Pollinators.
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Garden Pest Remedies

Alternatives to Pesticides

Biological Introductions

(Pests have predators too!)

Plant Rearrangements

(Some plants ward off certain pests!)

Soft Soap Mixtures

(A little goes a long way)

Install Netting

(Shield to yield!)

Use a Mini Vacuum

(Suck 'em up!)

Diversify Landscape

(Avoid monocultures)

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Approximately 33% of the produce we eat and 80% of our entire diet relies on pollination by bees.

Bermuda's Native Bee

Bermuda's native solitary bee is one of our original pollinators. Similar species that carry out this same task include wasps, moths, and butterflies. Although the solitary bee does not appear to target crops, it pollinates plants by cutting and carrying leaves from one place to another. Unlike honeybees, this bee lives in burrows. However, like all bees, the solitary bee requires reliable fresh water sources. We can help by filling birdbaths or building biotic ponds.

More Than Honey

Bees produce a variety of products, ranging from beeswax, used in many homemade recipes, to propolis, an ingredient of some toothpastes.

A Fading Buzz

From 2008 to 2010, Bermuda's captive bee hives declined by over half from 365

to 180. This number has since diminished even further.

Feeling The Sting

We don't have to be vegetarians to appreciate the work of bees. Chances are, the meat that we consume is the product of an animal that was fed commercial feed. Pollinated by the bees, that feed was likely laden with pesticides, which are a contributing factor to the global decline of our bees. Without the bees, pollination of commercial animal feed-crops would decrease.

Don't 'mind your own beeswax'

Educate those around you on the importance of bees to the pollination of our foods, flowers, and cotton. Be sure to let them know about the decline in the bee population and how they can help in avoiding bee-damaging products and pesticide-laden crops.

