

Alternative to Honey Bees: Facts about Hole-Nesting Native Bees

- Mason bees are one of the 3,600 species of bees that are native to North America.
- Native bees have been pollinating our fruits, vegetables, and flowers from the beginning.
- Raise mason bees to reintroduce native bees to your gardens and support other native pollinators with habitat.
- Native bees can double or triple fruit and vegetable yields.
- Mason bees and alfalfa leafcutter bees are solitary bees and each female bee has the sole responsibility of gathering pollen and materials for her babies.
- Our solitary bees live in pre-made cavities. Our nesting trays are the right diameter for each bee.

Easy, Safe & Super-pollinating Bees



Join the Native Bee Movement!

**We need community involvement!
HERE'S HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Contact Us!

We can help your neighborhood and community
coordinate for
native bee-raising success.

Go to:

crownbees.com/native-bee-share

Call our office at:
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Native Bee Share

**Support our native pollinators by bringing
them back into the community.**



**RAISE.
NATIVE. GENTLE.
SOLITARY.
BEES.**

Super-pollinating native bees power our community's gardens, providing more food for more people.



Easy-to-Raise

Solitary bees **only require 1-2 hours a year to raise.** Our solitary bees hibernate in cocoons over the winter. Simply set cocoons in their house and watch them pollinate.

Gentle-Natured

Holding a sleepy or cold mason bee is like holding a ladybug. **Male bees do not have stingers and female bees are not aggressive** because they are too busy gathering pollen.

Generalist Pollinators

Both mason and leafcutter bees are generalist pollinators, which means they are not picky about the flowers they visit. **Both stay within 300 feet of their nesting sites.**

Highly Effective

One mason bee is equal to 100 honey bees pollinating! Solitary bees carry dry pollen all over their hairy bodies. Pollen falls off bees' bodies at each flower, increasing pollination.



Native Bee Share Program

Community, public, and school gardens qualify for our Native Bee Share program. Your public gardens are pollinated by our bees and your garden helps educate the public about the importance of raising native bees. Raising awareness about native bees is the first step in a future of agricultural bee diversity.

Native Bee Share kits are a great value that are offered at-cost to help your community garden grow more food. The kits come with everything needed to raise bees, including an instructional guidebook. With more than 20 years of mason bee-raising experience we are also here to help troubleshoot and answer questions. **We want your gardens to succeed!**



How it Works

Simple steps toward displaying your native bee house in a public garden.

1. **Get Excited!** Visit our site to learn more about our bees. We can help with fundraising efforts if necessary. (crownbees.com/native-bee-share)
2. **Order Online!** These special kits include a custom engraved plaque to recognize the house's sponsor.
3. **Educate!** Garden visitors will ask about the bees and everyone is sure to fall in love with these gentle bees. Program includes educational information; ask us about posters!
4. **Harvest Cocoons!** We're more than happy to buy extra mason bee cocoons in the fall, which can help offset the initial cost.