

Our Future Flies on the Wings of Pollinators

The Bounty of Bees

Southeastern Blueberry Bee

Blue Orchard Bee

European Honey Bee

Squash Bee

Morrison's Bumble Bee

Alfalfa Leafcutter Bee

Morrison's Bumble Bee (*Bombus morrisoni*). Bumble bees fly at cooler temperatures than honey bees. They are important buzz pollinators of blueberry, cranberry, other crops and many native wildflowers.

European Honey Bee (*Apis mellifera*). The introduced honey bee is the champion pollinator for most U.S. agricultural crops valued at \$10 Billion dollars annually.

Southeastern Blueberry Bee (*Habropoda laboriosa*). This large fuzzy native bee pollinates southeastern blueberries, including cultivated and wild plants, from its underground burrows.

Blue Orchard Bee (*Osmia lignaria*). This shiny blue native mason bee is a newly-developed commercial pollinator of sweet cherries, apples and almonds.

Squash Bee (*Peponapis pruinosa*), *Peponapis* and *Xenoglossa*, squash and gourd bees, are natives specialized for visiting flowers of pumpkin, squash and gourds.

Alfalfa Leafcutter Bee (*Megachile rotundata*). This introduced Eurasian hole-nesting bee is responsible for most of our country's alfalfa pollination.

To learn more about bees and about how to protect all pollinators go to: www.pollinator.org



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