

Real ways to help **wild bees**

Native bees are a vital part of our ecosystems, and the principal pollinators for our plant-based foods and flowers. They have an important job to do, and so do we — creating bee-friendly places where they can thrive!



BUMBLEBEE

- + Choose bee-friendly flowers like cosmos, marigolds, zinnias and sunflowers.
- + Provide water for bees near your garden and change it often to keep it fresh.



CARPENTER BEE

- + Minimize the amount of pesticide you use on your lawn and in your garden.
- + Go easy on the raking — leave some leaves on your lawn and garden for overwintering bees.

SWEAT BEE



- + Grow bee-friendly garden crops like cucumbers and melons and plant a flower border to attract bees to your veggies.
- + Log bee sightings in citizen science apps and post your bee photos so others will appreciate them too.

MASON BEE



LEAFCUTTER BEE

