

# North America's Pollinating Bees

## Bumblebees

- Defies the laws of physics (shouldn't be able to fly)
- Works 8 times harder than the honeybee
- Super messy but efficient pollinator
- Vibrates to pollinate
- Can fly higher than the peak of Everest



## Mason Bees

- More than 150 different types of them
- Won't sting you unless you squeeze them (so, you know, don't squeeze them)
- Every female is a queen bee

## Sweat Bees

- Will swarm sweaty people (they love the smell of them)
- Recognized by their green metallic colour
- Digs vertically
- Total loners



## Cuckoo Bees

- Steals nests instead of building their own
- Kills other bee's eggs to lay their own
- Will kill each other to get food
- Not even good pollinators

## Carpenter Bees

- Has a super long lifespan (3 years!)
- Lives like the Kardashians (mom and daughters share a nest)
- Males can't sting you; females don't want to



## Leafcutter Bees

- Line their homes with pieces of leaves
- 1 leafcutter can pollinate as well as 20 honeybees
- Eggs are laid with food (the young don't dig their way out – they eat their way out!)

## Digger Bees

- Very fast flying
- More than 900 species of them
- Has two stomachs – one for eating and one for storage



## Yellowjacket Wasps

- Technically not a bee (but we needed one more to make this look even)
- Transports pollen by accident
- Super aggressive
- Will fight you for the Coke you're drinking

