

Hello Gardeners!

If you see neat, circular shapes cut from leaves, they are only made by me – a leafcutter bee. It won't harm your plant, so please don't spray pesticide. Thank you. xx

www.BuzzAboutBees.net/leafcutter-bee.html

Plant stings are still important when combating native pollinators

Black-capped Bumblebee - *Bombus melanopygus* subspecies

Bumblebee life cycle

Queen - the overwinterer

Bumble Bees Eastern United States



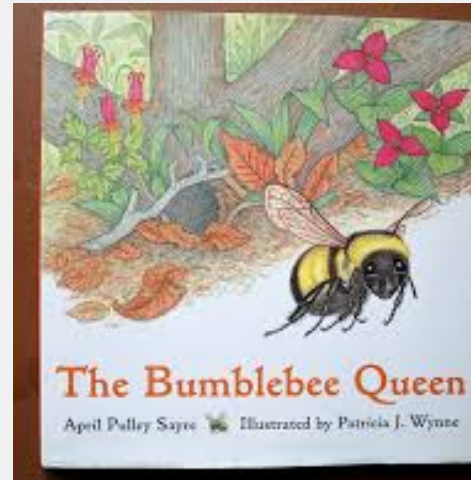
Bumblebee life cycle

- Bumble bees live in a colony with a caste system of workers, males and a single egg-laying queen.
- Similar to honey bees, bumble bees construct a wax comb
- Bumble bees nest in cavities such as abandoned rodent burrows, brush piles and dried grass tussocks

- The colony grows through 3-4 generations and may have several hundred workers at the peak in mid-summer.
- Unlike honey bees, bumble bee colonies do not survive over the winter. However, the fertilized queens 'hibernate' until spring



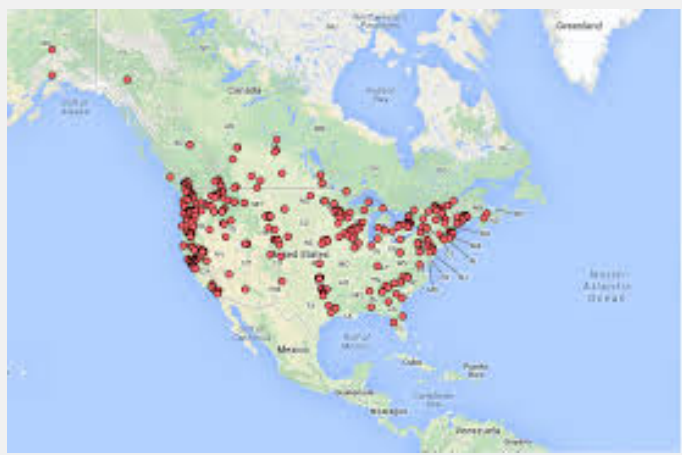
WHO BIRDS THE STING?



Leafcutter Bees

Leafcutter bees get their descriptive name from their way of making nest cells - by cutting pieces of leaves or petals, flying them back to the nest site, and laying an egg in each piece of leaf. Their nests are usually in underground tunnels or in existing holes or tunnels in wood. When you see a lilac bush or a hosta plant with holes cut from it, you could have a leafcutter bee colony nearby!

Leafcutter bees are most attracted to composite flowers, like asters, sunflowers, blanketflowers and others for their pollen. They cut leaves from a variety of plants, so having a diversity of flowers in your yard will foster leafcutter bee habitat!



Ohio Bee Identification Guide

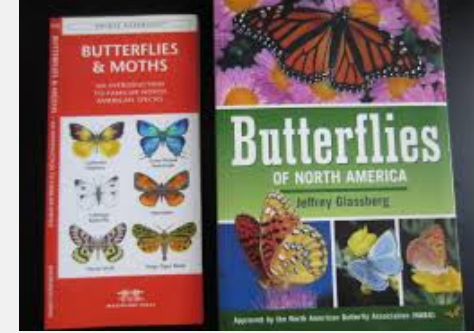
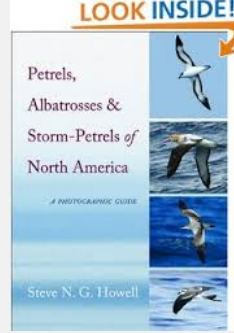


Summer Beech Book - A C O L L E C T

The Metropolitan Field Guide



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