

Bee Homes

Where Do Bees Nest?



**NEW YORK
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In the Ground

- 70% of bees nest in the ground



A miner bee leaves her nest. Photo credit: StGrafix/Shutterstock

In Cavities

- 30% of bees nest in the cracks and hollow of stems, wood, and stone.



A carpenter bee builds her nest. *Photo credit: CC/Docteur Cosmos*

In Colonies

- Bumble bees nest in large cavities like abandoned rodent holes.
- A well-established nest may contain up to 400 bumble bees.



In Hives

- Honeybees build special nests called hives, which can house 50,000 bees.
- The Queen bee can live up to 7 years!



Special Nesters

- Some bees have adapted unique ways to keep out unwanted disease and intruders from the nest.



The leaf-cutter bee lines her nest with freshly cut leaves.

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The Take Away



- Plant native flowers so bees have food.



- In the garden, leave stumps, dried stems, and bare soil for the bees to nest OR build your own bee home:

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