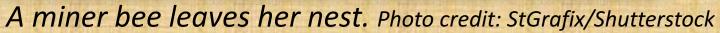


In the Ground

• 70% of bees nest in the ground







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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