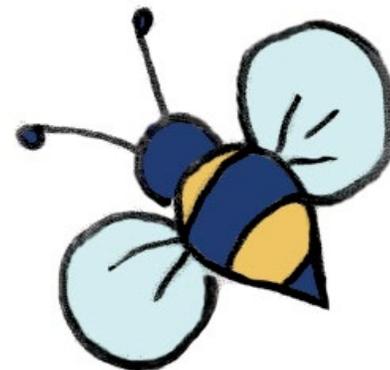


# Fun Facts About

## Honey Bees



Honey bees live in hives.

Three types of honey bees:

**Queen Bee** - Only one queen per colony, and she is in charge! Her job is to lay the eggs... sometimes as many as 2500 in one day! The queen can live up to 5 years.

**Worker Bee** - These are the bees that you see flying around outside. These female bees are called “workers” because... they do all the work! They gather food by collecting pollen and nectar from flowers. They bring it back to the hive and make honey! They also protect the hive and keep it clean while protecting the queen.

**Drones** - These are male bees. They hang around inside the hive during the summer. The queen picks only one to be her mate! During the winter months, the drones are kicked out of the hive!

We need to protect our planet’s heroes, the honey bees! Bees pollinate the plants and help them grow. Sadly, over the last decade, they have been disappearing... in some places nearly 90% of the bees are gone.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Honey bees are very good at flying. They move their wings in a flip and flop motion, not up and down. They can flap 200 times per second!

Honey bees can see every color except red! This helps them to find the flowers that have nectar.

They actually do the wobble dance! They “wobble” their bodies in a figure eight motion, pointing other bees to the best places to find nectar and pollen.

Worker bees only live 5 or 6 days. In that time they produce about 1/12<sup>th</sup> teaspoon of honey. It takes a lot of bees to make a jar of honey!



**Help the bee make it to the hive!**

