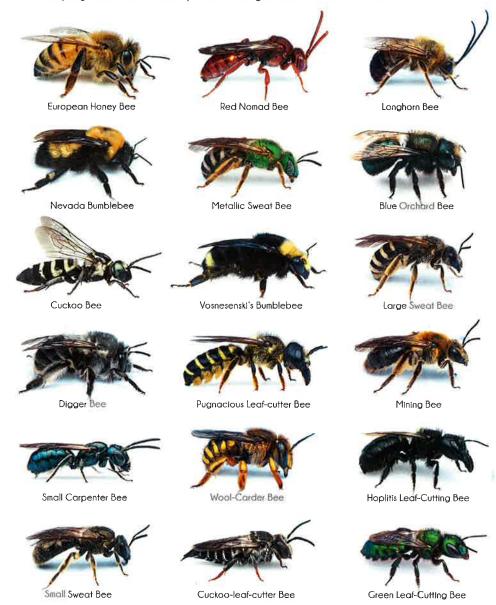
## Bees of Oregon

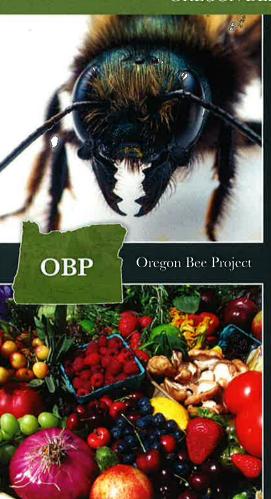
A sampling of the 500+ known species of Oregon bees to show variation in form and color.



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**Did you know?** Oregon has around 500 species of native bees. In addition to managed bees, Oregon's native bees are responsible for pollinating crops essential to our food supply and the state's economy. Oregon crops and bees have close, mutually beneficial relationships.

**The Problem:** Bees around the world are under threat from disease, habitat loss, and other environmental pressures.

**A Solution:** Oregon's farms produce about 200 crops that provide bees with many sources of pollen and nectar throughout the growing season. High levels of nutrition are critical for bee health. In addition, many hedgerows and natural areas bordering Oregon crop fields provide bees with ideal nesting habitats.

**What Can I Do?** Recognize, encourage and support Oregon farmers who implement practices and protect pollinator populations.

**The Oregon Bee Project** is a cooperative effort between the Oregon Department of Agriculture and a diverse set of collaborators working to foster and protect Oregon pollinators vital to the state's production of specialty crops. This project involves research, public outreach and education, and the creation of a pilot bee friendly farm certification. This certification will reward growers who adopt bee-friendly practices.

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