

ALL ABOUT BEES

Bees are a type of insect. They have six legs and three body parts. Bees can fly. They have two pairs of wings. They also have two antennae. These help them to pick up scents.

Bees have a long tongue. It helps them to reach inside a flower. That is where they find nectar, a sugary liquid that bees eat. Bees also collect a powder made by plants. It sticks to their legs and is called pollen. Bees use nectar and pollen to produce honey and beeswax.



Bees are helpful to plants. When they collect pollen, some of the tiny grains rub off another part of the flower. Then the flower can reproduce. That means more flowers will be able to grow later from seeds. Bees must be careful when they visit flowers. Sometimes large insects or spiders hide inside the blossoms and eat them. Honey bees won't sting unless they feel threatened.

Some bees build nests to live in. Others use hives made by people. Sometimes bees live in groups called colonies. The leader of a colony is called the queen. Colonies also have workers and drones. Workers are female bees that gather pollen. Drones are males that help bees to reproduce.

Bees are a very important part of our ecosystem but in some places they are disappearing. If bees disappeared, so would some of your favourite foods such as apples, oranges, blueberries, watermelon, avocados, broccoli and many more. Scientists are trying to find ways to save the bees. You can help bees survive too!

DON'T BOTHER OR KILL ANY BEES YOU SEE! BEES ARE OUR FRIENDS.

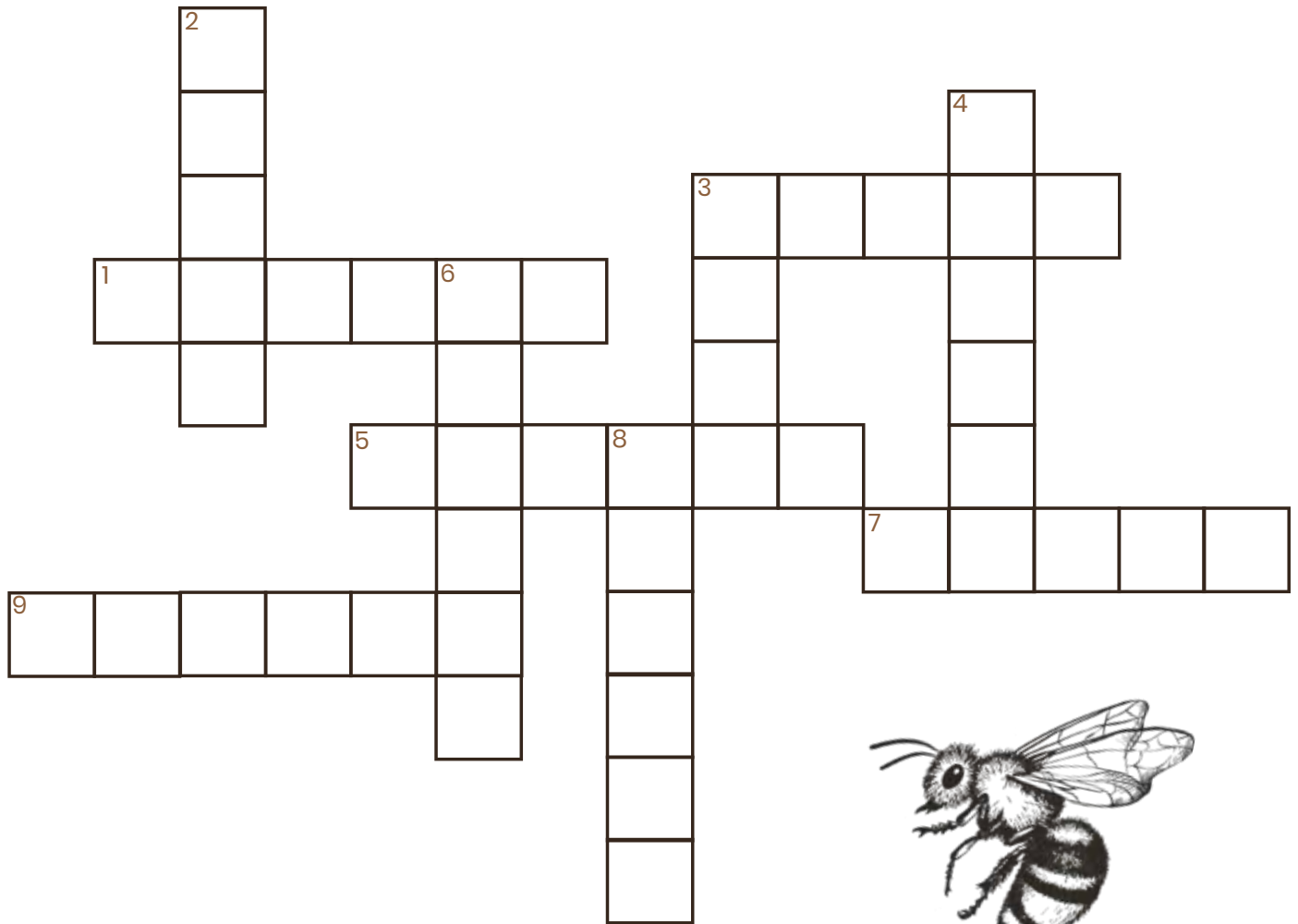
PUT OUT A SHALLOW TRAY OF FRESH WATER. BEES GET THIRSTY TOO!

PLANT BEE-FRIENDLY FLOWERS THAT ARE NATIVE TO WHERE YOU LIVE.



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BEE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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1. small animal with six legs and three body parts
3. sweet liquid produced by bees from nectar
5. part of a plant that blossoms and produces seeds
7. male bee whose only function is to mate with the queen
9. a very fine powder made by plants

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2. bees depend on this for their defense
3. the home of a bee colony
4. sugary liquid that bees eat
6. group of bees living together
8. female bee that gathers pollen