

# Bee I.D.

Georgia is home to some 500 species of native bees! Surprisingly, many of these bees can be found in backyards all around Decatur. Here are a few of the most common ones:



*Common Eastern Bumblebee*



*Carpenter Bee*



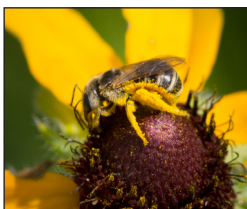
*Honeybee*



*Metallic Green Sweat Bee*



*Mining Bee*



*Sweat Bee*

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# Bee Tips & Resources

## For a bee-friendly yard:

- Avoid pesticides and sprays
- Leave patches of bare earth for mason bees and mining bees
- Leave fallen logs for nesting habitats
- Plant native, perennial plants
- Provide a water source for bees to drink

## Native bees love flowers like these:

- Lamb's Ear
- Mint
- Sedum
- Mouse-Ear Coreopsis
- Veronica
- Bee Balm
- Coneflower
- Asters
- St John's Wort
- Lantana
- Milkweed

*Learn more about native bees at these websites:*

- **Native Beeology:** [nativebeeology.com](http://nativebeeology.com)
- **Beautiful North American Bees:** [beautifulbees.org](http://beautifulbees.org)
- **Native Bees of Georgia:** [native-bees-of-georgia.ggc.edu](http://native-bees-of-georgia.ggc.edu)
- **Bee City USA:** [beecityusa.org](http://beecityusa.org)

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