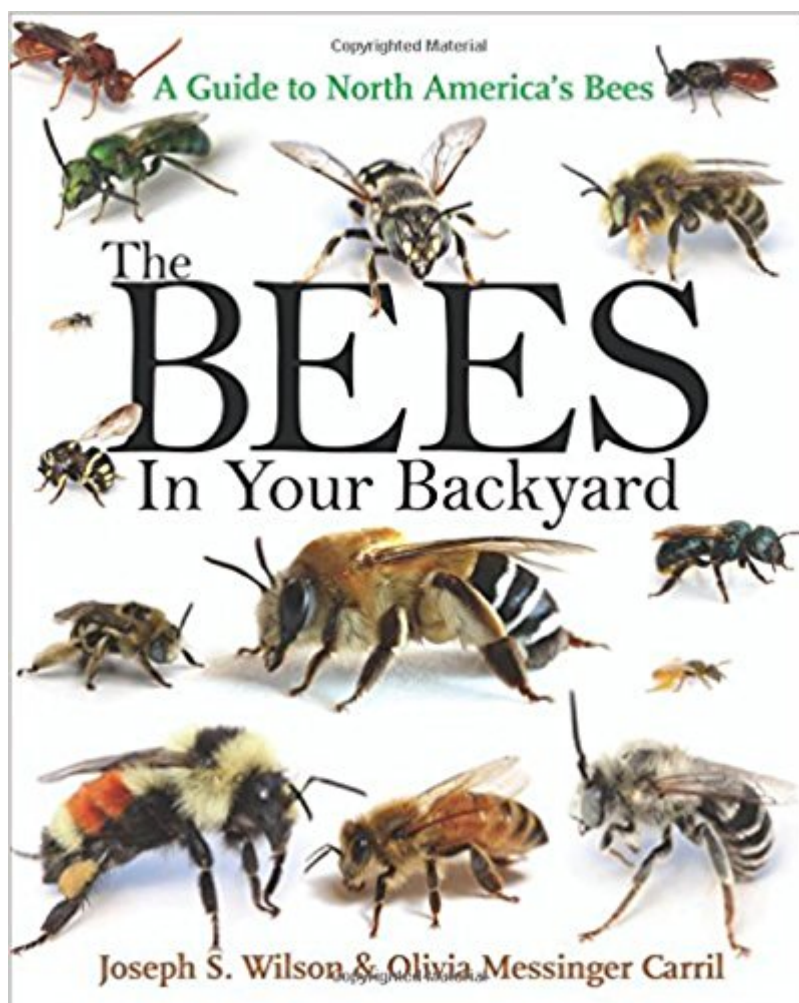


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The Bees In Your Backyard: A Guide To North America's Bees



Synopsis

The Bees in Your Backyard provides an engaging introduction to the roughly 4,000 different bee species found in the United States and Canada, dispelling common myths about bees while offering essential tips for telling them apart in the field. The book features more than 900 stunning color photos of the bees living all around us—â€”in our gardens and parks, along nature trails, and in the wild spaces between. It describes their natural history, including where they live, how they gather food, their role as pollinators, and even how to attract them to your own backyard. Ideal for amateur naturalists and experts alike, it gives detailed accounts of every bee family and genus in North America, describing key identification features, distributions, diets, nesting habits, and more. Provides the most comprehensive and accessible guide to all bees in the United States and Canada. Features more than 900 full-color photos. Offers helpful identification tips and pointers for studying bees. Includes a full chapter on how to attract bees to your backyard.

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Winner of the 2017 PROSE Award in Single Volume Reference/Science, Association of American Publishers "The ultimate bee book for bee enthusiasts and experts alike."--Bookseller Buyer's Guide "[A] well-written, informative and beautifully photographed reference on North America's bees."--The Chronicle Herald "If you have ever asked, 'What kind of bee is that?' The Bees in Your Backyard is the book for you. It is a must-have for bee lovers of all stripes."--Wild about Ants blog "[A]s folks become more interested in bees, it seemed logical to Wilson and fellow bee biologist Olivia Messinger Carril that people should be more informed as well. The result is their new guide,

The Bees in Your Backyard, which offers an introduction to a world of bees that is mostly hidden to people who aren't entomologists."--Adrian Higgins, Washington Post

"This book helps identify the bees that you see. It has more than 900 photos of all of the kinds of bees you'll find, plus the biology of all of the bees included, and how to provide both food and habitat for them. . . . This is probably the best reference on all of the bees in your backyard you'll find, and the price is right."--Bee Culture

"The moment you open this lusciously illustrated new offering from Princeton University Press by Joseph Wilson and Olivia Messinger Carril, you will be captivated by magnificent photos and engaging captions that delight and fascinate. But more than that, you will learn just how beautiful and unexpected is this mightily important group of insects, and how complex and diverse lives. . . . Wilson and Carril's breathtaking guide introduces you to the roughly 4000 North American bee species without losing the reader through 'information overload'. . . . One of the loveliest things about The Bees in Your Backyard is the truly stunning photography. This, paired with expertly chosen glossy paper and careful printing, produces images so satisfyingly sharp, colorful, clear, and precise that you can almost see each bee's personality."--Cathy Taibbi, Examiner.com

"As the interest in native bees has grown, resources to learn about them have been developed, and The Bees in Your Backyard is one of the best yet. . . . This is an awe-inspiring and welcome addition to the natural history literature in North America. It is highly recommended for gardeners, naturalists, land managers, and anyone with an interest in these beautiful and hugely beneficial creatures."--Dan R. Kunkle, Wildlife Activist

"This book is absolutely filled with more than 900 spectacular color photographs of all types of bees, from honeybees to bumblebees to giant carpenter bees. . . . [T]his fascinating book is certainly well worth reading and adding to your library of outdoor reference guidebooks."--The Blade, newsletter of the Hoosier Outdoor Writers

"Comprehensive."--Houston Chronicle

"This is the best general guide to bees this reviewer has seen."--P.K. Lago, Choice

"A most splendid present for anyone who is interested in conservation, or for you to read in the winter, and enjoy."--An Beachaire

"Students as well as interested amateurs, will learn much from this excellent book, which though written by experts, presents a plethora of information in a style which is both engaging and easy to read."--Buzz about Bees

"The authors have produced a valuable and easy-to-read book. . . . The book is arranged in a highly useful format that is suitable for the beginner as well as the seasoned entomologist. The book is highly recommended as a vehicle for bee awareness and an introduction to the most common families in the United States and Canada."--Howard O. Clark, Jr., Western North American Naturalist

"The Bees in Your Backyard is an easy-to-use and entertaining reference that can help you identify bees you might find cruising around your flowers."--American Gardener

"This book

includes excellent photography and uses basic language explaining technical terms; it is not an identification guide but gives detailed descriptions of ecology for each genus, something not previously covered before. The book provides the first comprehensive and user friendly guide to North American bees, which is suitable for people wanting an introduction or to expand their knowledge of different bee families. In particular those interested in developing their knowledge and skills of solitary bees will find this book incredibly useful. You do not have to live in North America to find this book of interest as we share many bee families. A worthy addition to anyone's collection."

--Nikki Gammans, British Journal of Entomology and Natural History
"This book introduces you to the bees you're likely to find nearby. It has 900 color photos to help you identify them. It's also packed with useful information, including pollination habits and how to attract different species to your yard."
--Matt Miller, Cool Green Science blog
"This richly illustrated volume provides a detailed introduction to the lives of bees, then presents the six families of bees found here. Charts and detailed maps show their size, their range, and their active times of the year within different regions of the continent. Hundreds of close-up photos present fascinating details of many of the different kinds of bees."
--Mark Schumacher, ARBA
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--Melanie M. Kirby, Mother Earth News
"The volume is rich in information, logically put together, and full of wonderful pictures. . . . This valuable publication should adorn the bookshelves of gardeners, professional melittologists, urban naturalists, and elementary school students, and should be seen as indispensable for gaining a deeper understanding of the wild ecology of their backyards."
--Marc W. Cadotte, Quarterly Review of Biology

"The decline of bees in recent years has led to a growing awareness of the importance of these insects. The Bees in Your Backyard provides a great introduction to the bees of North America and an invaluable aid to anyone learning to differentiate the various kinds. I know of no other book for general readers that describes all the genera to this extent."
--Sheila Colla, coauthor of Bumble Bees of North America: An Identification Guide
"This book provides an easy-to-understand guide to the thousands of bees found in North America. The Bees in Your Backyard is a great place for novice bee enthusiasts to start and an exceptional reference for experts."
--Kelly Allin, contributor to The

Bee: A Natural History

An incredible book concerning bees in North America. Wilson and Carril begin their guide book with fundamental information concerning the differences between bee, wasps, and flies, which can easily be confused among one another, as well as information concerning the basic life history of various bees. They then proceed to provide a comprehensive overview of the major families of bees resident in North America - Andrenidae, Apidae, Colletidae, Halictidae, Megachilidae, and Melittidae. Various genus in each family described and distribution maps are provided. The photographs included in the guide book are stunning. This book will definitely have a legacy as being somewhat of a magnum opus among books concerning bees.

This is an extraordinary new book! A must-read. Bees in Your Backyard is much more than a field guide. It introduces the natural history of bees along with the knowledge needed to identify their distinguishing morphological characters along with an innovative key to the major groups. All of the major genera anyone is likely to come across in Canada, U.S.A. and Mexico are here. I would have liked the distribution maps to be a bit larger, but this book is jam-packed with great information that will delight readers. The quality of the hundreds of photographic images by Wilson along with other contributors are outstanding. Wilson is a master of the macro photography technique of placing bees on white backgrounds, which makes them come alive as species portraits. I highly recommend this one-of-a-kind reference to our native bees for faculty, graduate and undergraduate students along with naturalists and gardeners who want to identify and understand our diverse bee faunas. Get this book, you won't be disappointed.

I'm a gardener, and have learned to love my pollinators, especially in the last few years as they seemed to have fallen into crisis. Of course I don't mean just the honey bees. Dozens of species of bees work for me. This year was encouraging in the variety and population density: up very noticeably from last year. Bees in Your Backyard is a wonderful way to get more familiar with them. A book that's perfect for its intended purpose.

I'm volunteering to monitor bees for a native bee study in my community and this book is not only beautiful but immensely helpful and reader friendly! I have already shared it with numerous friends and co workers! Love being a BEE groupie!

Beautifully designed, photographed and comprehensive book will open your eyes to the amazing world of bees. Would make a lovely gift to any nature enthusiast or avid gardener.

Really great book on bees. Gives you lots details on telling the varieties apart. Goes well with some of the other bee books I have.

Thank you for the info. Working on a squash bee project and love this helpful book to know how many different bees visit.

A must have for any backyard entomologists, great info and a great read. Very helpful

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