

# COMMON BEES OF OHIO

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Photo credit: Kevin Matteson

**Bumble bee**  
*Bombus* spp.  
Size: 8–21 mm



Photo credit: Denise Ellsworth

**Large carpenter bee**  
*Xylocopa* spp.  
Size: 15–23 mm



Photo credit: Donna K. Race

**Honey bee**  
*Apis mellifera*  
Size: 12–15 mm



Photo credit: Gideon Pisanty

**Small carpenter bee**  
*Ceratina* spp.  
Size: 5–8 mm



Photo credit: Ted Kroplewiczki

**Mason bee**  
*Osmia* spp.  
Size: 7–16 mm



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**Mason bee (metallic form)**  
*Osmia* spp.  
Size: 7–16 mm



Photo credit: Nelson DeBarros

**Leaf cutting bee**  
*Megachile* spp.  
Size: 7–15 mm



Photo credit: David Cappaert,  
Michigan State University

**Giant resin bee**  
*Megachile sculpturalis*  
Size: 13–25 mm



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Joaquim Alves Gaspar

**Wool carder bee**  
*Anthidium* spp.  
Size: 11–17 mm



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### Squash bee

*Peponapis pruinosa*

Size: 11–14 mm



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### Longhorned bee

*Melissodes* spp.

Size: 8–16 mm



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### Mining bee

*Andrena* spp.

Size: 5.5–15 mm



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### Polyester bee

*Colletes* spp.

Size: 8–15 mm



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### Green sweat bee

*Halictidae* spp.

Size: 3.5–11 mm



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### Dark sweat bee

*Halictidae* spp.

Size: 3.5–11 mm



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Wasp: Not a bee



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### Cuckoo bee

*Coelioxys* spp.

Size: 7–10 mm



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Fly: Not a bee



Sweat bee



Leaf cutting bee



Worker bumble bee



Honey bee



Queen bumble bee



Large carpenter bee

