

# Common Bees of NYC

Who just buzzed by? You may recognize these bees from around the city



## Common Eastern Bumble Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Bombus impatiens*)

**Size:** 0.85-1.6cm

*The most common bumble bee in NYC. These bees have a single yellow band on their body.*



## European Honey Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Apis mellifera*)

**Size:** 10-15 mm

*The most well-known bee in NYC. This bee has brown and black stripes and lives in a hive.*



## Alfalfa Leaf-cutter Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Megachile rotundata*)

**Size:** 0.9-1.2 cm

*These bees were brought from Europe to pollinate crops. They have black & white stripes*



## Giant Asian Resin Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Megachile sculpturalis*)

**Size:** 1.5 cm

*This bee looks like a wasp. It has a large, black head and dark wings*



## Wool-carder Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Anthidium manicatum*)

**Size:** 1-1.3 cm

*The female bees scrape hairs off of leaves to create a soft nest to lay her eggs.*



## Small Carpenter Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Ceratina calcarata*)

**Size:** 0.65-0.8 cm

*This bee is very small and has a yellow face.*



## Agile Long-horned Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Melissodes agilis*)

**Size:** 1-1.5 cm

*This bee is golden-brown to orange and is usually found on sunflowers*



## Belted Leaf-Cutter Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Megachile centuncularis*)

**Size:** 1-1.1 cm

*Medium-sized leaf cutter with brownish hairs*



## Gregarious Cellophane Bee

**Scientific Name:** (*Colletes thoracicus*)

**Size:** 1.2-1.4 cm

*This bee is orange and black that emerges in late Spring and makes its nest in loose soil.*

## I'm Not a Bee!

You may think you spotted a bee – but these are wasps and flies



### Social Wasps

**Scientific Name:**

(*polistes* and *Vespula*)

*Over 20 species in New York City*



### Solitary Wasps

**Scientific Name:**

(*Spechidae*)

*Hundreds of solitary wasps live in the New York metropolitan area.*



### Flies

**Scientific Name:**

(*Diptera*)

*Commonly seen on flowers, there are hundreds of species of flies in NYC.*