

BEE SAFE & BEE AWARE



HONEY BEE

- Excellent pollinators and honey producers
- Thousands of individuals per colony
- Not natural attackers, but will defend when colony is disturbed or feels threatened
- After stinging, stinger is left behind and the individual dies

- Excellent pollinator
- Large; fuzzy body
- Nests in the ground
- 50 to 400 individuals per nest



BUMBLE BEE



CARPENTER BEE

- Females only sting when provoked
- Large, shiny body
- Drills holes in wood to nest
- Solitary insects; do not nest with others

- Extremely aggressive
- Bright yellow color
- Nests in the ground
- Thousands of individuals per nest



YELLOW JACKET



PAPER WASP

- Extremely aggressive
- Brownish-red color
- Nests on eaves of houses and tree branches
- Fewer than 100 adults per nest

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT:

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INFO ON AFRICANIZED HONEY BEES

WHY ARE AFRICANIZED HONEY BEES DANGEROUS?

All honey bees sting, but Africanized honey bees exhibit more extreme defensive behaviors than European honey bees. AHBs defend with greater numbers and for further distances with less disturbance required to trigger this behavior.

ARE MANAGED EUROPEAN HONEY BEE COLONIES DANGEROUS?

In general, EHB are fairly docile, present minimal risk to the public and are vital to Florida's agriculture industry. They may also discourage the establishment of the AHB.

HOW CAN YOU AVOID GETTING STUNG BY HONEY BEES?

If you encounter a feral honey bee nest, do not disturb it - walk away calmly. Contact a licensed pest control operator to perform an eradication or a registered beekeeper to remove the colony to be placed back into agricultural production. Learn more at FDACS.gov/BeeRemoval.



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