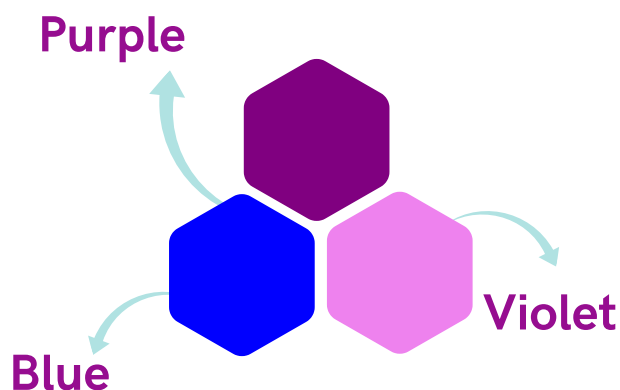


# All About B E E S



## WHAT COLORS ATTRACT BEES?



Bees see differently than we do! They can see ultra-violet light which allows them to see patterns on flowers that make gathering nectar easier. Their three main photoreceptors base their color combinations on UV light, blue, and green. Because of this, they are most attracted to the colors purple, violet and blue. Consider adding these colors to your garden to attract bees!

## COMMON BEES IN TEXAS



### HONEY BEE

- Pollinator
- Makes Honey
- Will only sting if extremely provoked
- Can only sting once



### BUMBLEBEE

- Pollinator
- Chunky & Funky
- Will sting if bothered, but gives a warning buzz



### CARPENTER BEE

- Pollinator
- Lives in wood
- Only female bees can sting, but will only sting if squeezed or caught



### LONGHORN BEE

- Pollinate Specific Plants
- Named after their antennae
- Sting if stepped on or grabbed

## PLANTS THAT BEES LOVE

- Bee Balm
- Coneflower
- Lavender
- Chives
- Sunflower
- Zinnias
- Mexican Flame Vine
- Tropical Sage
- Mint
- Cosmos
- Portulaca
- Purslane
- Turk's Cap
- Aster
- Pentas
- Beautyberry
- Mealycup Sage
- Gaillardia



## BEE HOUSES

You can support our solitary bees (like the Carpenter Bee) by putting a bee house in your yard! Bee Houses provide a safe space away from predators and weather.