

Bumble Bee

Family: Apidae

There are about 50 species of bumble bees in North America, and they are all large and furry, mostly black with yellow, white, or orange stripes. They are more socialized than other native bees, nesting in the ground with a queen and population of a few hundred workers. The young, newly mated queens are the only ones to overwinter, and each will emerge to start her new colony in the spring.







This photo represents different sizes and coloration found in bumble bees.



Carpenter bee vs. Bumble bee

They are similar in size and color but with one drastic difference: carpenter bees have a shiny, hairless abdomen, while bumble bees have a fuzzy, furry abdomen.