

Squash bee (Cucurbit bee)

Family: Apidae

Squash bees are about the same size and color of honeybees, and are more easily distinguished by their behavior around cucurbit flowers (squash, pumpkins, melons, etc.). They will begin their foraging duties at or before dawn and approach the cucurbit flowers with determination- visiting, gathering, and moving on quickly. Honey bees arrive later in the day and tend to dawdle and hover around the flowers. Squash bees nest underground, beneath the cucurbits they will visit.







Comparison: Squash bee (left) vs. Honey bee (right)



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