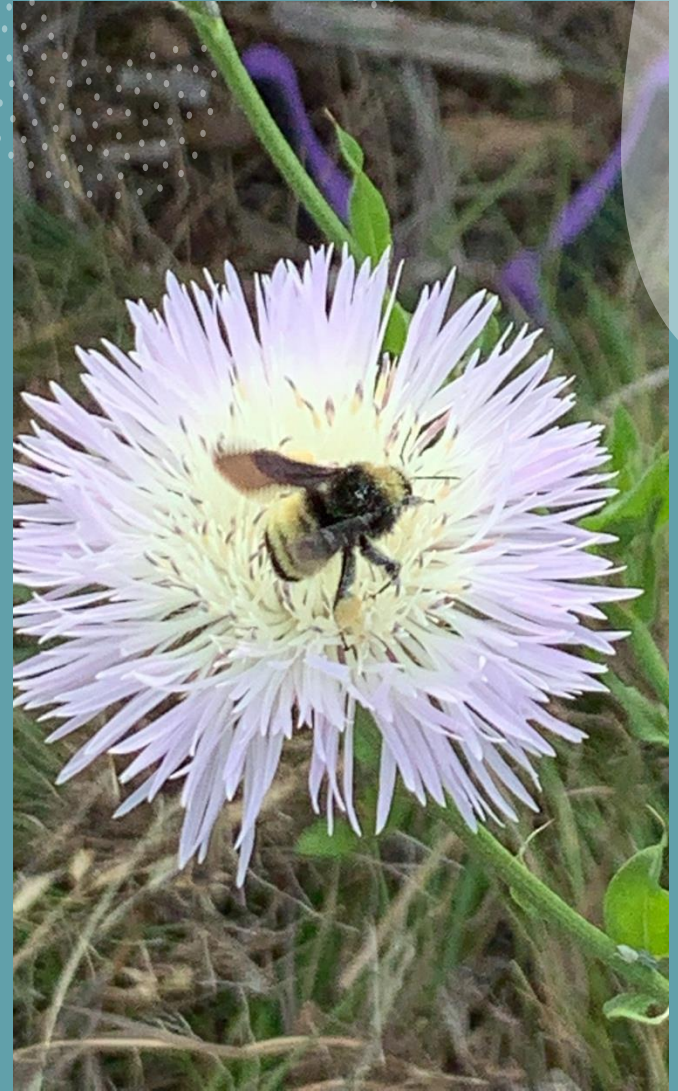


Bee-autiful

Native Texas Bees



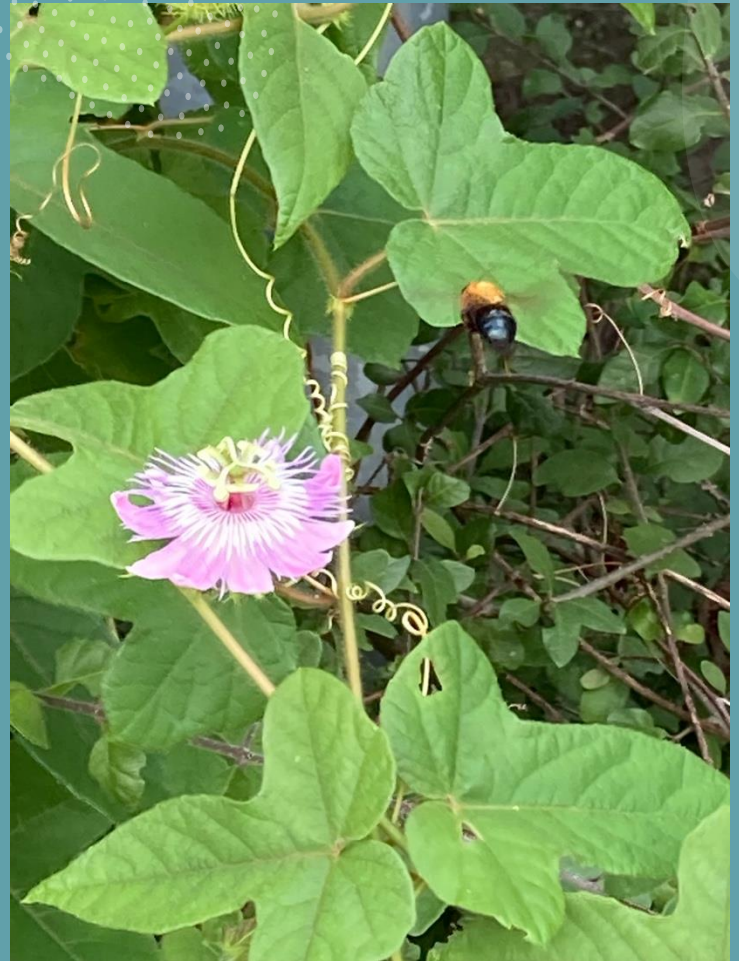
800-1500 native Texas bees

Texas has one of the most diverse bee populations.

In San Antonio, some of the most common native bees include bumble bees, leafcutter bees, miner bees, large carpenter bees, sweat bees, and mason bees.

Bee identification:

https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator.org/asset/s/generalFiles/Texas_bee_guide_FINAL.pdf



Other native bees:

Texas striped sweat bee

Longhorn bee

Cuckoo bees

Horsefly carpenter bee

California digger bee

Furrow bees

Tiny ceratina



Cactus Bees

There are several bees that interact with cactus. Some are in the *Diadasia* genus , and others *Osmia*, and they are solitary. They are oligolectic feeding primarily on cactus and generally nest in the ground.



Other cactus bees:

Lithurgopsis

Osmia subfasciata

Osmia georgica

Osmia ribifloris (Orchard bee)



Sing to *Did You Ever See a Lassie*

Did you ever see a native bee, a native bee, a
native bee,

Did you ever see a native bee nesting on
ground,

Spending so many hours

Seeking yum cactus flowers.

Did you ever see a native bee

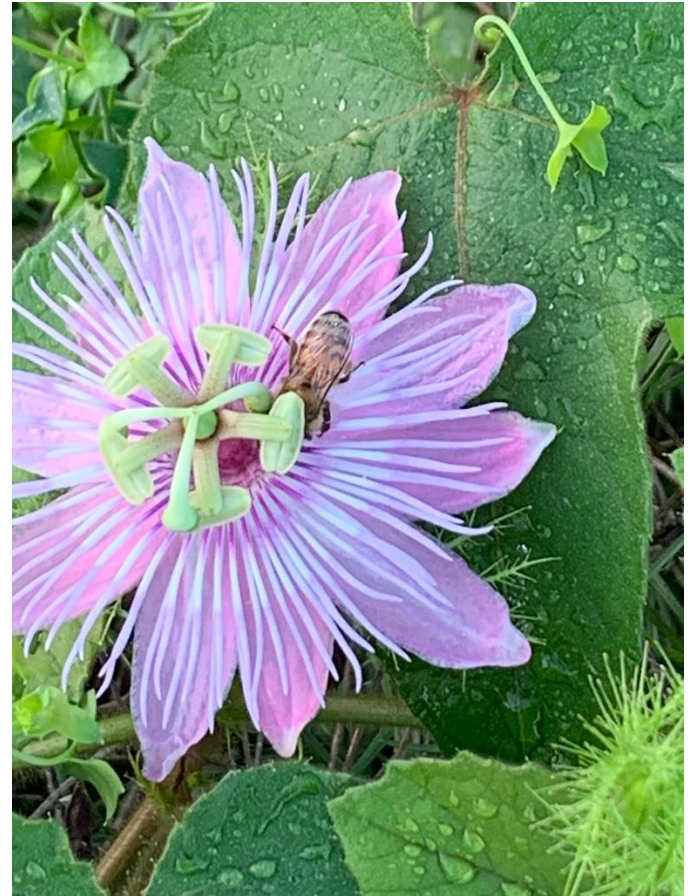
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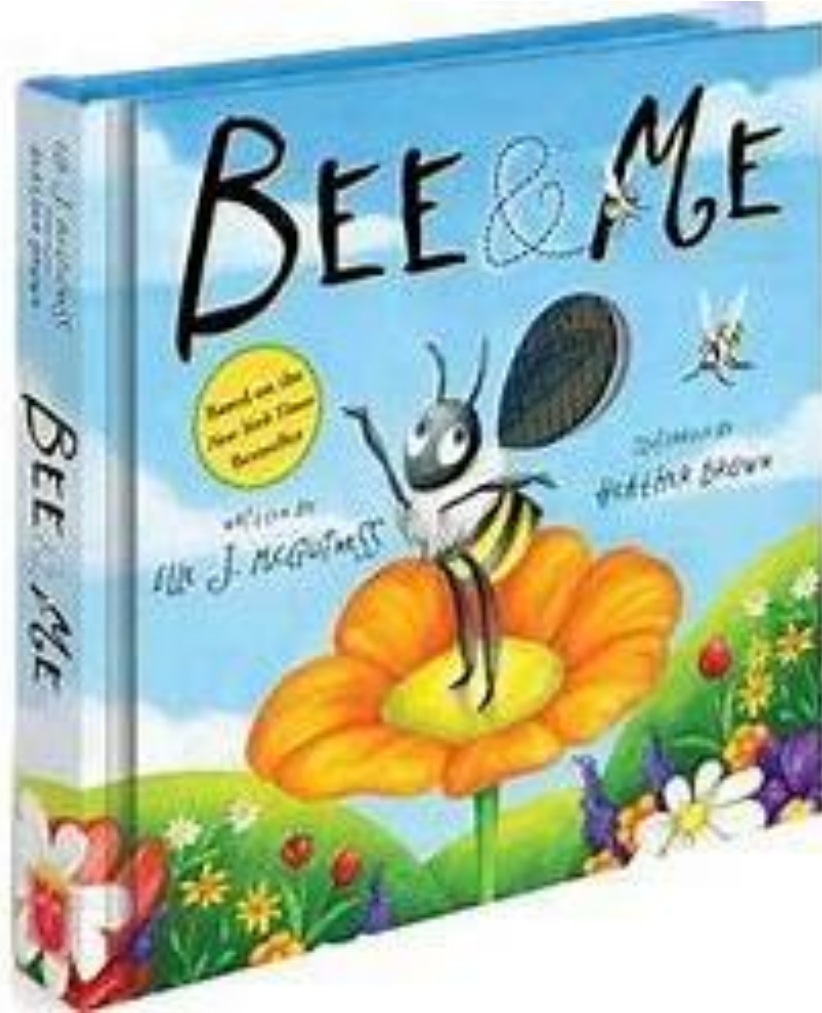


More bee fun!

As you walk in the park, look for bees on flowers.

What could you use to make a cactus flower—yellow play dough for a craft and cheese slices or chips for a snack?





A boy learns to appreciate bees.