

Bees and Wasps

Bumble Bee



Bumble bees make up a well-known group of medium sized to large, stout-bodied, hairy insects which are generally black and gray, variously tinged with yellow, orange, or red. These are long-tongued bees that nest in colonies. These bees nest in old nests of field mice, in holes in the ground, stumps and similar places.

Honey Bee



The honey bee is so well known that its description is hardly necessary. The first honey bees introduced from Europe were black German bees. The common Kansas variety of honey bee is the Italian, which is a yellow and brown bee.

Eastern Yellowjacket



This common yellowjacket makes paper nests, usually in underground burrows, in and under logs or around the base of stumps. Wasps of this species are attracted to sweet liquids and can be a nuisance at picnics when they land on soft drink cans to drink.