

ANIMAL FUN FACTS

THE BEE



A bee's buzzing sound is created by its wings that beat up to 11,400 times per minute.

A bee can fly up to 15 miles per hour. That can also fly for a distance of 6 miles at a time.

During a collection trip, a bee stops by 50 to 100 flowers.

To make one pound of honey, bees has to gather nectar from at least 2 million flowers.

Honey is one of the only foods eaten by humans that was produced by an insect.

A hive consists of three types of bees – the worker bee, the drone, and the one-and-only queen bee.

Worker bees do all of the work. They are female and live for only about 6 weeks.

Drones are bigger than worker bees. They are male and spend all of their time mating. Drones have no stingers.

Each hive has only one queen bee. She is the only bee in the hive that lays eggs. The queen bee has been known to lay up to 2,500 bees a day in the summertime and can live up to 5 years.

Bees communicate with one another by shaking their “buns” with dance moves called the “waggle and the round”.

The “waggle dance” is a special type of communication done by a worker bee when it discovers a great source of nectar. Once the source is discovered, the bee flies back to the hive. It then tells where the rich nectar is located by positioning its back end – or “buns” – between the sun's light and the flower.

Bees have been making honey in the same way for over 150 million years.



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