



Honey bee

Honey bees are amazing insects! In the summer their short lives are filled with activity. Young bees work on repairing and cleaning the hive, while adult bees fly as far as 2 miles from the hive to gather water, nectar, tree resin and pollen. Bees inform each other of a fresh source of food by performing a figure-of-8

dance.

Activity

Honey bees need water, nectar and pollen to live and produce honey. They need tree resin to secure their honeycombs and seal gaps.

Walk slowly and carefully around the garden and note down where they might collect each of these items.

Water	Nectar and pollen	Resin

Bees are very important pollinators. If pollination did not occur, plants would not be able to produce seeds.

Remember: Do not go through the opening in the far hedge to the grass where the bee hives are. Bees die if they sting you and so will only do so if they feel threatened, but bee stings are very painful and should be avoided. If a bee lands on you, remain calm and still. It will fly away as soon as it realises that you are not a flower.