

GENERAL FACTS

- Leafcutter bees belong to the Megachilidae family of bee species, and are members of the genus Megachile.
- They are non-aggressive, non-colonising solitary bees that pollinate almost anything.
- The leafcutter bee is an excellent alternative summer pollinator, and works harmoniously with other bee species such as the honey bee and bumble bee.
- Appearance wise, they are smaller in stature than a honey bee and can be distinctly recognised by their fuzzy, thin yellow and grey stripey abdomen.



KEY BENEFITS

- ☒ Increase leafcutter bee population
- ☒ Raise awareness of solitary bees
- ☒ Increase pollination nationwide
- ☒ Secure the food supply for generations to follow

DID YOU KNOW?

- In certain situations 150 leafcutter bees can provide the pollination service of 3000 honey bees.
- Leafcutter bees do not have pollen baskets on their hind legs. Instead, they collect pollen on hairs on the underside of their abdomens.



GET INVOLVED

We need community involvement so that we can continue pollinating our gardens, orchards and crops



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