bears’ bees & HONEY is a family run honey and bee business that has been serving Northwestern Ontario since 1996.

We specialize in blueberry and Labrador tea honey taken from the natural forests north of Lake Nipigon in the Thunder Bay district.

At bears’ bees & HONEY we care about the environment and support and encourage all native species of pollinators. Bumble bees are one of these important native pollinators. They play a critical role in environmental sustainability and human survival.

About bears’ bees & HONEY

Your Bumble Bee nesting kit includes
1- Nesting box & lid
2- Entrance tube
3- Nesting material (upholsters cotton & grass)
4- Instructions

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Help the success of the bumble bees in your garden and community by providing habitat to encourage pollination and help ensure a healthy environment!

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Thank you!

Sadly due to high pollution levels, monoculture crops, pesticide use and habitat loss, the bumble bee populations are rapidly declining. Bumble bees are vital to pollination and the survival of plants.

By purchasing a nesting box you are helping to encourage the nesting of bumblebees in your garden.

The bees and the environment thank you for caring!

Setting up your box

- Nests should be located in a sheltered well drained spot on the ground in your garden, or in a hedge.
- The entrance should face north, however a shaded area out of direct sunlight can be used.
- Insert the pipe through the hole on the outside of the structure into the vestibule and secure.
- If possible, bury the pipe, but ensure that the entrance is obvious and visible so that the queen can find it easily.
- Add the contents of the nesting material to the box, ensuring it is loose and fluffy for the queen bee to mould into a nest.
- The material provided is grass and upholsterer's cotton. Kapok or dry moss can be used as an alternative. Wool and fibre-glass insulation should not be used. Bees may get tangled up in the fine fibres.
- Put the lid in place securely so that rain cannot get inside.
- You can paint or stain and personalize the exterior of your nesting box.

Nurturing Bees takes patience!

Bumble bees prefer abandoned mouse nests to nest in. If not occupied the first season then Leave your box out all winter.

Mice may nest in it. If you do find traces of a mouse then this is a good sign and eventually will be occupied by bumble bees.

If in the spring you find no trace of occupancy of any kind then it is probably not a good location.