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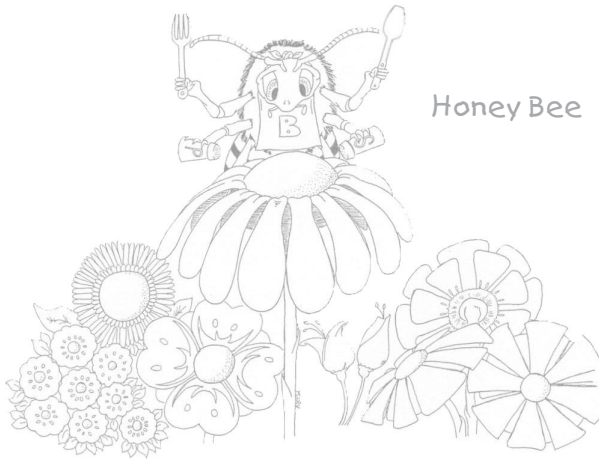


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Cooper Helps Honey Bees

Who Am I?



I am one of the most important insects in the world...I am a honey bee. I am yellow and black and fuzzy. Without me, we would not have flowers and crops. My job is to pollinate these items. When I visit flowers to feed on nectar, my legs become coated with pollen. As I visit new flowers I transfer the pollen to them. I am also very well known for making honey. Just ask Winnie the Pooh he loves the honey that I make. Although I can sting, I am really a very friendly bee. As long as you don't try to hurt me, I will not sting you. My nest is called a hive and is often located in trees. Bee hives can become very large and can contain 60,000 bees or more. If our hive becomes too full of bees, a group of my sisters and I will fly off in a large group called a swarm to look for a new home. When our swarm lands it scares people and they may want to kill us with bug sprays. This is a bad thing. We are important in nature should not be killed. Instead of hurting us you can call a beekeeper to take me and my sisters to a bee farm.

How Does Cooper Help Honey Bees?

Cooper Pest Control promotes the use of bee keepers when honey bees become a problem. Every spring in the Northeast US, honeybees undergo an activity called swarming. When the bees swarm, they land on objects and form a mound like group with thousands of bees. The bees are resting and are looking for a place to start a new hive. Swarming activity is very unnerving to many people and the tendency is to call a pest management firm to kill the swarm. Cooper Pest Control will help find a bee keeper that is nearby so the swarm can be saved. In the unlikely event that the honey bees are inside a wall, there are rare occasions when a beekeeper cannot be found who will remove the nest from the wall. In these rare circumstances, it may be necessary to kill the hive but this should be a last resort.

Cooper Pest Control is also involved in project that helps deliver Honey Bee hives to third world nations; the project is called the Heifer Project. For every donation of \$30, a bee hive is donated to an impoverished family. The family receives the necessary training to care for the bees. In addition to the natural benefit of pollination, the family also learns to harvest the pollen, honey and wax that the bees produce. These commodities provide a much-needed source of income and allow families to purchase clothing, food and medical care. Most recently, Richard Cooper has become very involved through a National Pest Professionals Fraternity (Pi Chi Omega) along with the Heifer Project and the World Wildlife Fund to use Honey Bees to help save the Monarch Butterfly's Migration Sites in Mexico. If you wish to become involved in these projects and want to donate a hive, please call us and we will get you more information.

About Cooper

Cooper Pest Control is a family-owned business that residents and businesses have trusted since 1955. With our team of two entomologists, numerous environmental specialists and a licensed sanitarian, we develop unique programs that separate us from the rest of the pest control industry. From maintenance and prevention services to environmentally-conscious programs, call Cooper and find out why.....

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