

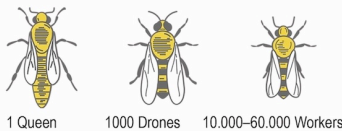
HONEYBEES LIVE HERE!

The honeybees living here are of the "Carnica" breed: generally a calm and friendly type. However, even these bees can sting. A sting is unpleasant, but bees only sting to defend themselves. So always keep a safe distance from the bees!

Our Honeybee

Our honeybee lives in a social colony with one queen, a few hundred drones, and tens of thousands of female worker bees. Research has shown that a colony can consist of around 42,500 bees.

The queen usually stays in the hive, and the drones are mainly interested in mating with new queens. Most drones die after mating. The worker bees leave the hive to collect resources like nectar, pollen, water, and propolis.



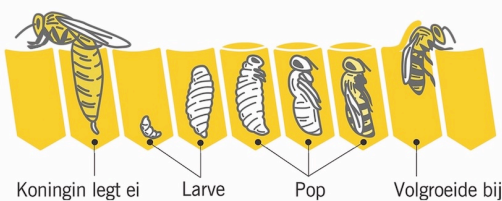
Did you know?

Wild bees account for 20% of pollination in agriculture and horticulture. The remaining 80% is done by honeybees kept by around 8,000 beekeepers in the Netherlands.

Of the 350 wild bee species in the Netherlands, 188 are severely endangered. This is mainly due to loss of habitat and the use of pesticides.

If bees go extinct, many types of plants would disappear — and with them, a large part of our food supply.

From egg to bee



Help the bees

The number of bees and bumblebees is declining — mainly due to a lack of flowering plants.

Want to help?
Plant flowers and plants rich in nectar and pollen. Avoid using chemical pesticides. If needed, use organic or bee-friendly alternatives.

*Bees never sting
without a reason.*

*They only do so
if they feel threatened.
Always stay calm and
keep your distance!*



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Bee colonies are sustainable and beneficial for local biodiversity.

Boost biodiversity – Honeybees pollinate hundreds of flower and plant species, helping trees, bushes, and wildflowers thrive in the area.

More flowers, more insects – More flowering plants also benefit other pollinators like butterflies, wild bees, and other insects.

More CO₂ absorption – More plant growth leads to more CO₂ being absorbed from the air by plants and trees.

A living indicator of nature's health – Bees are a green indicator of environmental quality: the healthier the bees, the healthier the surrounding nature.

Kijkje in de kast

Bijenkasten worden door imkers gebruikt om bijenvolken in te huisvesten. Verreweg de meeste kasten zijn gemaakt van hout.



Kast met twee honingkamers