

Honey Bees

The honey bee is an incredible insect. They work really hard, each one with a specific task. Honey bees are social creatures. They have a job to do, and they do it well, working together.

They gather food by collecting pollen and nectar from flowering plants. This is the start of the pollination process. Around one-third of the world's food depend on honey bees to pollinate them.

In 2006, there was a sudden collapse in honeybee colonies. Some believe the pesticides farmers use on crops are to blame. Others feel that the use of cell phones makes it hard for bees to navigate. The real answer is that no one knows why the bees are disappearing; however, everyone agrees it is a large problem.

Humans have been using honey bees for centuries. What would we do without honey to sweeten our food or wax to make candles? The bees effortlessly create these things, and we enjoy them. People are building more and more hives to ensure the bee population stays steady. It is working. The bees are still disappearing but not as quickly as before.

There are so many things humans take for granted. Hopefully, we learn a lesson from the honey bee. Nature is a delicate balance that should be respected.