

# Common Native Bees of the WESTERN UNITED STATES



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over 170 species  
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look-alikes

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YOUR WAY TO EASILY IDENTIFY BEES AND LOOK-ALIKES

## FAMILY APIDAE

Bumble, Digger, Longhorn, Squash, Carpenter & Other Bees

### GENUS ANTHOPHORA—DIGGER BEES

*Anthophora* are hairy, medium-size bees that are both specialists and generalists. They tolerate cooler weather than many other bees and can be found earlier in the season.



**Bumblebee-Like Digger Bee**

*Anthophora bomboides*



**California Digger Bee**

*Anthophora californica*



*Anthophora crotchii*



*Anthophora curta*



*Anthophora edwardsii*



*Anthophora hololeuca*



*Anthophora montana*



*Anthophora occidentalis*

## FAMILY HALICTIDAE

Sweat, Furrow, Blood & Nomia Bees

### GENUS HALICTUS—FURROW BEES

*Halictus* are small, ground-nesting bees that sometimes have social nests consisting of a few daughters that perform pollen collecting duties. They are grayish-black bees with white bands on the outer edge of each abdominal segment.



**Confusing Furrow Bee**

*Halictus confusus*



**Wide-Striped Sweat Bee**

*Halictus farinosus*



**Ligated Furrow Bee**

*Halictus ligatus*



**Orange-Legged Furrow Bee**

*Halictus rubicundus*

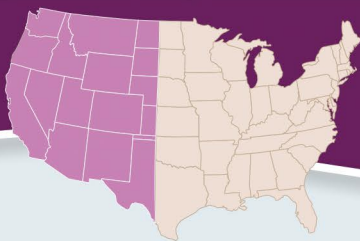


**Tripartite Sweat Bee**

*Halictus tripartitus*

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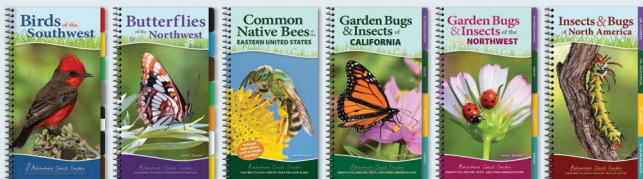
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