

Garden Bee House

SEASONAL BEE NESTING PACK



BEE HAPPY

YOU can help the conservation of our native bees by simply hanging this bee house in your garden. Then sit back and watch the fascinating life cycle of your new pollinating team.

What do solitary bees need?

These precious pollinators need somewhere safe to lay their eggs. First to be seen in Spring are busy mason bees who construct egg cells made of mud within the nesting tubes, followed later in the summer by Leaf cutter bees whose cells are made of leaf pieces. The baby bees will develop over winter and then next Spring new adult male bees then female bees will emerge from your bee house.

What's in the box?

The box contains a complete solitary bee house or nester ready to hang in your garden. Simply remove the lid and peel back the seal before hanging. The card tubes are the perfect size for pollinating bees and the length of the tubes allows safe development of the female bees. The nesting tubes are surrounded with a cosy cardboard layer which protects against extremes of temperature both frost and heat.

Where to hang?

The nester can be hung between ground level up to a max height of around 2 metres. Choose a sheltered spot so that the nester does not swing about too much. A good spot should have plants and water source nearby. The nester should ideally be oriented so the front benefits from the warmth of morning sun and should be level or slightly tipped forward to cast rain away from the tube ends.

PERFORATED PREDATOR DEFENCE LID

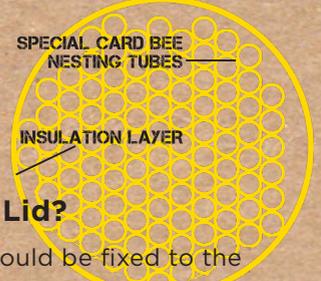


Perforated Defence Lid?

The clever defence lid should be fixed to the back of nester for safe keeping during Spring and Summer. In Autumn it should be re-fixed to the front of the nester tubes to protect your next generation of bees from would-be predators such as woodpeckers.

SPECIAL CARD BEE NESTING TUBES

INSULATION LAYER



Managing the Bees?

You should find that the number of bees will increase from year to year. In extreme winter conditions the bee house may be moved into a shed or cool frost free place. The tubes may need replacing after 2 or 3 years. You can use 8mm cardboard, drilled bamboo or source your own hollow stems from your garden. Paper tube liners are available for advanced bee management.

See wildlife world website for further information