

To Bee or not to Bee

Create your own Bee Drinking Station.

Excerpt from "The Bee-Pastures" by John Muir.

"WHEN California was wild, it was one sweet bee-garden throughout its entire length, north and south, and all the way across from the snowy Sierra to the ocean.

Wherever a bee might fly within the bounds of this virgin wilderness--through the redwood forests, along the banks of the rivers, along the bluffs and headlands fronting the sea, over valley and plain, park and grove, and deep, leafy glen, or far up the piny slopes of the mountains--throughout every belt and section of climate up to the timber line, bee-flowers bloomed in lavish abundance. Here they grew more or less apart in special sheets and patches of no great size, there in broad, flowing folds hundreds of miles in length--zones of polleny forests, zones of flowery chaparral, stream tangles of rubus and wild rose, sheets of golden compositæ, beds of violets, beds of mint, beds of bryanthus and clover, and so on, certain species blooming somewhere all the year round".

The humble Bee is said to be:

'the most important creature on the planet'...

Why do you think that is?

What do Bees do when they're not just being; 'bee'ing-do you get it?! *groan...

Sorry 😊

Bees pollinate.

Why is pollination so important?

Because it is integral to most ecosystems.

Bees pollinate 80% of flowering plants. They are responsible for pollinating one third of the food we eat. Examples are: Broccoli, Asparagus, Cucumber, Apricots, Strawberries, Apples, Tomatoes and Almonds.

Bees are disappearing because of loss of habitats, use of pesticides, climate change, parasites and diseases and invasive species.

We can help bees in many, various ways. Here are two ways that we can help:

Plant bee-friendly flowers in gardens or pots.

Create a Bee Drinking Station-

That's quite easy!

These are the materials you will need:



Collect little stones, pebbles and or shells.

Give them a wash-it's a nice feeling 😊

Ask Captain (adult) for a dish.

We found a scallop shell and an old dish no-one needed.

Assemble and add fresh water.

Keep the water level beneath the top of the pebbles.

This is so that the bees can stand safely on the pebbles while they are taking a drink.

Set your Bee Drinking Station close to a bee-friendly flower, preferably with some shade.



You might not have your own outdoor space.

Perhaps you could leave it, as a gift, for a neighbour or family member while out on your daily exercise?

Perhaps they will be lucky enough to take a photograph of a bee taking a drink at your Bee Drinking Station?!

