

Pollinators of Wisconsin



Photo by Christy Stewart

Squash Bee (*Peponapis pruinose*)

- Look similar to honeybees but hairier
- Only visit flowers of squash, pumpkins and melons. Active very early in the day
- Nest individually in ground tunnels
- Collect pollen and nectar to feed young
- Males like to sleep inside closed flowers
- Docile and unlikely to sting



For more information:
WI Bee ID Guide



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