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## ANIMALS FACT SHEET

# Bees

### Where do they live:

Bees live in nests or hives in tree branches, logs or rock cavities. Some bees live in colonies and others are solitary bees just living with their own family. This is depending on the species of bee.

### What do they eat:

Bees feed on nectar and pollen from flowers. The nectar is a source of energy and carbohydrates. The pollen is their source of protein and nutrients.

### How do they move around:

Bees have two pairs of wings on their back so they can fly. They also have 6 legs to walk around in their hives and on flowers.

### Interesting Facts:

- Did you know that bees are the major pollinators of flowering plants in the world? Many farmers rely on bees to pollinate their fruit trees and without bees we would not have the abundance of fruit we have available to us.
- Only certain species of bees have stings. Bees are however best observed from a distance, do not try to touch or catch them.
- The average honey bee will produce less than a table spoon of honey in its lifetime.
- In flight a bee beats its wings about 200 times per second.