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Making Your Yard a Welcome Space for Pollinators







What is Pollen

- The powdery part of a flower
- It is the male part of the plant
- Needed to join with the female part of the plant to make seeds



What is a Pollinator

 An animal that moves pollen from one part of a plant to another

Or to another plant

Makes the plant produce fruit

Makes the plant produce seeds



Mason Bees

- Looks like a black fly
- Is a real bee with 4 wings not 2

Pollinates by entering flower collecting nectar

and pollen

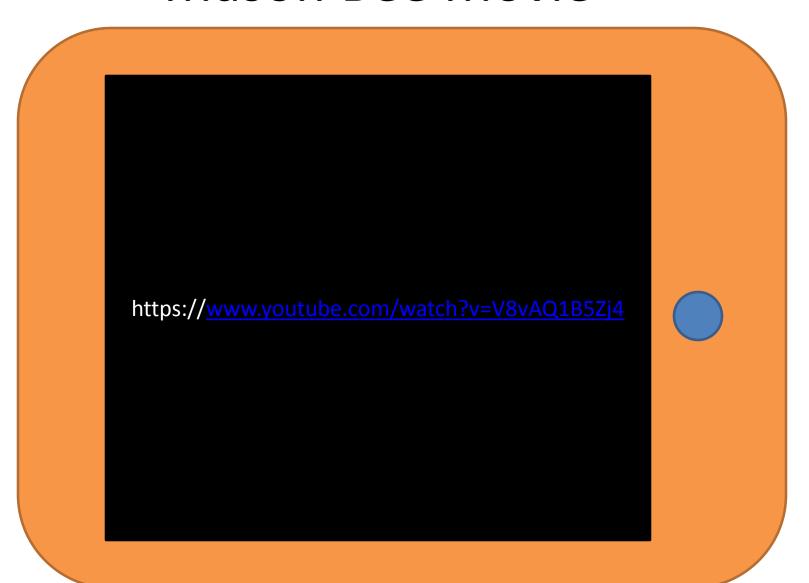


Where does it get its name?

- The bee rolls nectar and pollen into a ball
- Lays eggs in ball
- Collects soil and packs eggs into a small chamber in nest like a Mason plastering mud



Mason Bee Movie



Making a Mason Bee House

Tubes

- **Cardboard**
- **Paper**
- Bamboo
- Container
- Space outside
- South or East
- side of building



Mason Bee Houses



Ultimate Bee House



For Additional Information

 http://www.xerces.org/wpcontent/uploads/2009/11/tunnel-nestmanagement-xerces-society.pdf