12—Cuckoo Bee

Size: tiny, small, medium to large.
Color: black, cream, yellow, red, and/or silver.
Note: can have contrasting, wasp-like patterns.

10—Striped Hairy Belly Bee

Size: tiny to small/medium.
Color: black with white/silvery hairs.
Hair: brushes of hair on underside of abdomen for pollen.
Striping: often have white bands on abdomen.

3—Honey Bee

Size: medium to large
Color: orangish/brown/yellow to nearly black
Stripes: on abdomen.
Pollen: carries moist pollen in clumps on hind legs.

8—Striped Sweat Bee

Size: small to medium.
Color: black, cream, and/or dark gray.
Stripes: creamy to dark gray stripes on abdomen; stripes may be faint.
Hair: brush of hair on hind legs, sometimes loaded with pollen, but abdomen may look smooth.

5—Large Carpenter Bee

Size: very large.
Color: black or bronze.
Hair: body mostly shiny, males can have a hairy thorax.
Pollen: collects dry pollen in brush of hair on leg.
2—Bees vs. Wasps vs. Flies

Bees
- usually hairy.
- large load of pollen.
- four wings (two pairs).
- long, elbowed antennae.

Wasp
- not hairy.
- patterns on exoskeleton.
- four wings (two pairs).
- long antennae.

Flies
- short thick antennae.
- two wings (one pair).

4—Bumble Bees

Size: medium to very large.
Color: black, yellow, and/or orange.
Hair: entire body fuzzy.
Pollen: moist pollen in clumps on hind legs.

9—Tiny Dark Bee

Size: tiny to small.
Color: black, metallic green-grey, metallic blue, and/or brown.
Hair: brushes of hair on hind leg, sometimes with pollen.

6—Hairy Leg Bee

Size: medium to large.
Color: brown, black, yellow, grey.
Hair: often hairy, especially on thorax; velvet-like.
Pollen: dry pollen on leg
Stripes: may have striped abdomen.
Antennae: may have long antennae.

7—Green Sweat Bee

Size: medium.
Color: metallic green (sometimes with striped abdomen)
Body type: narrow.

Note: Some Mason Bees and Wasps are green. Look to see whether the green visitor is a bee or not and then look to see where it is carrying pollen or where it is hairy.