

NATIVE BEE MOTEL



Why Do Native Bees Need Motels?

Unlike the social structures seen in European Honeybees, the majority of Australian native bee species are solitary. Without dedicated queens and workers, a single female will mate with a single male bee, then construct a nest for her eggs.

Where nesting habitats are limited, or if you just want to see any increase in native bee species in your area, a native bee motel will encourage more individuals into your local area, providing a safe refuge for them.



How to Make a Native Bee Motel...

There are many different ways in which to make a Native Bee Motel. Look at the examples below and see which one/s you could make in your garden at home...

Bamboo is a great material for constructing a native bee motel. Bamboo stalks of different thicknesses held together are perfect. Once cut, the bamboo is naturally hollow, which provides the perfect sanctuary for individual bees.

Fallen logs, trunk offcuts etc can also make ideal native bee motels. By drilling into the wood, using different thicknesses and drilling to different depths, you will be creating the same effect as the bamboo.



Don't forget to plant native flowering plants near your motel and then watch the bees travel to and from work.

