

Honey Bee

Apis mellifera

When to look:

Early spring to
weather below 13°C

Similar species:

A wasp: has yellow legs, brighter yellow bands on its abdomen and lacks the hairiness of the Honey Bee.

Native Australian Bees: while it is difficult to see, native bees don't have hairy eyes like the Honey Bee. Also a Honey Bee usually has obvious "baskets" full of pollen on its legs.

Hairy abdomen
with black and
brown (or yellow
or orange) stripes.

Black head, upper body and legs



Usually has
"baskets" of
pollen on its legs

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