



## Solitary Bee Houses - Info and Links from Kelly

- **How to Support Solitary Bees – article in Mother Earth News**

<https://www.motherearthnews.com/homesteading-and-livestock/beekeeping/backyard-solitary-bees-zm0z22fmzram/print/>

- **Mason Bees and the Houses They Live In - June 20, 2023**

<https://northerngardener.org/mason-bee-houses/>

- **Keeping Mason Bees: 10 Expert Beekeeping Tips for Families**

<https://www.parentmap.com/article/keeping-mason-bees-10-expert-tips-for-families>

- **Where to Buy Mason Bee Houses (a basic run-down)... blog by Colin Purrington**

<https://colinpurrington.com/2019/05/where-to-buy-mason-bee-houses/>

*A good bee hotel will have tunnels that are approximately 6" (152 mm) long and have disposable or cleanable components. The latter can be achieved through the use of (1) disposable paper liners, (2) reeds that can be easily split open, then thrown away, or (3) routed wood trays that come apart for cleaning. Avoid bee hotels that use bamboo or have unlined holes drilled in wood (neither can be cleaned) and thus become Mite Hotels. Below are ones that seem OK to me, starting with houses that have clear-plastic observation windows that allow you to spy on the bees as they do their thing. HE THEN LISTS ALL OF THE SITES...*

- **Guide to building and managing a mason bee hotel (Blog by Colin Purrington)**

<https://colinpurrington.com/2019/05/guide-to-diy-mason-bee-houses/>

**VISIT: CROWNBEEES.COM** – <https://crownbees.com> and their YouTube Channel – Lots of great info! Look on the page (scroll to bottom for Knowledge Sharing).

- **DIY – How to Make A Solitary Bee House - by CrownBees.com**

<https://crownbees.com/blogs/news/diy-how-to-make-a-solitary-bee-house?srltid=AfmBOopiKCAHyh2JL-bNUDaJ2r2T-6UxR3X7muYLR3PaOzTkEqZZcDz>

- **YouTube: Let your Creativity Buzz: Paint Your Wood Trays! (yes, bees prefer color!)**

<https://youtu.be/fU83CJPJFZg?si=RP7aXDPbnp8ft8I3>

- **You Tube: Bee Friendly Colors - <https://youtu.be/keh91dcoarc?si=ca2LrJ9C0H1urMcf>**

- **You Tube -Bee-ware of these Mishaps: Epic Mason Bee Raising (with Dave & Kellie)**

<https://youtu.be/4kWdEcWYmN4?si=Zq2xRNLY7MkMMI5u>

**Harvesting Cocoons!** <https://crownbees.com/pages/how-to-harvest-mason-bee-cocoons>

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**VISIT: RENTMASONBEES.COM** – they have lots of great information and resources! Thyra has so many great educational videos – you will learn so much! Check out the Newsletters. Plus, they Rent/Ship to Ohio! Yes, they clean up for you! LOL <https://rentmasonbees.com/>

- **How to Harvest, Wash & Store Your Mason Bee Cocoons Over Winter** (by Rent Mason Bees) [https://youtu.be/9\\_1WIEDTyhk?si=H1WBScT7Cu7JSyfT](https://youtu.be/9_1WIEDTyhk?si=H1WBScT7Cu7JSyfT)
- **Learn How to Successfully Host Mason and Leafcutter Bees** – YouTube Video- by Rent Mason Bees – with TONS of awesome links! - This is a Great Educational Video/explanation. <https://youtu.be/NADMbe8WB3A?si=pY02i4LCb-eg0YnX>
- **Learn about Leafcutter Bees – When they emerge, how they develop and more fun facts!** <https://youtu.be/4X1TxyaAGns?si=6usMXntP6LCJp9fu>
- **How to Prevent Birds from Bothering your Solitary Bees** <https://youtu.be/D3BAPbUh9jo?si=zEQ27jkKUOFNNdud>

**\*NC State - Bee Hotel Design and Placement \*** <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/how-to-manage-a-successful-bee-hotel/bee-hotel-design-and-placement#> GREAT REFERENCE – each section has a summary and pictures. Section on colors! And links to more information!

**Nebraska Extension ( PDF )– Creating a Solitary Bee Hotel**

<https://extensionpubs.unl.edu/publication/g2256/2021/pdf/view/g2256-2021.pdf>

**Utah State University Extension – Creating Sustainable School and Home Gardens: Native Bee Homes** <https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/research/creating-sustainable-school-and-home-gardens-navtive-bee-homes> (CAN DOWLOAD AS A PDF)

**Common Bees and Wasps of Ohio- ODNr/DOW Field Guide**

[https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/ohiodnr.gov/documents/wildlife/backyard-wildlife/Pub5488\\_Bees%20and%20Wasps%20of%20Ohio%20Field%20Guide.pdf](https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/ohiodnr.gov/documents/wildlife/backyard-wildlife/Pub5488_Bees%20and%20Wasps%20of%20Ohio%20Field%20Guide.pdf)

