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Animal Fact Sheet

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European honey bee

Apis mellifera

A honey bee colony is best understood not as a group of insects but as a single distributed animal. A forager returning from a good food source performs a waggle dance on the vertical face of the com…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Apidae
Habitat: Woodlands, meadows, grasslands, gardens, and agricultural areas
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1 month to 5 years (workers: 1-2 months, queens: up to 5 years, drones: a few weeks)
Weight: 0.08–0.1 grams
Scientific name: Apis mellifera

Did you know?

- A single honey bee visits up to 5,000 flowers in one day while foraging for nectar and pollen.
- The waggle dance encodes direction by angle and distance by duration — a symbolic language performed in the dark on a vertical comb. The colony holds…

What I learned

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