

We need bees

Let's celebrate together, raise awareness and do something good for bees.

World Bee Day raises awareness of the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy. It provides an opportunity for communities and individuals everywhere to promote actions that protect and enhance pollinators and their habitats, improve their diversity, and support the sustainable development of beekeeping.



FOOD SECURITY

Nearly two-thirds of Australia's agricultural production benefits from bee pollination. Bees help pollinate most of the crops we eat and many that feed farm livestock.

But bee populations are under threat. Destruction of their natural habitat, intensive farming practices, and pests and diseases are just some of the factors driving a decline in the number and diversity of bees.

Without bees, our food security is at risk.



BIODIVERSITY

Australia is home to about 2,000 species of native bee. Native bees have co-evolved with our native flora over thousands of years. Some species of plant can only be pollinated by a particular species of bee. If that bee species dies, so too will the plant.

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ECOSYSTEM HEALTH

Bees play a vital role in preserving ecosystem health. They provide essential pollination services for plants, contributing to plant diversity supports other essential ecosystem services that help regulate climate, purify air and water, enrich soil and recycle nutrients.

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Celebrate World Bee Day on **May 20** and help our hard-working pollinators

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