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The Bees in Your Backyard provides an engaging introduction to the roughly 4,000 different bee species found in the United States and Canada, dispelling common myths about bees while offering essential tips for telling them apart in the field.

The book features more than 900 stunning color photos of the bees living all around us_in our gardens and parks, along nature trails, and in the wild spaces between. It describes their natural history, including where they live, how they gather food, their role as pollinators, and even how to attract them to your own backyard. Ideal for amateur naturalists and experts alike, it gives detailed accounts of every bee family and genus in North America, describing key identification features, distributions, diets, nesting habits, and more.

Provides the most comprehensive and accessible guide to all bees in the United States and Canada

Features more than 900 full-color photos

Offers helpful identification tips and pointers for studying bees

Includes a full chapter on how to attract bees to your backyard

Joseph S. Wilson is assistant professor of biology at Utah State University and has been studying bees and wasps for more than a decade. Olivia Messinger Carril received her PhD in plant biology from Southern Illinois University and has been studying bees and the flowers they visit for nearly twenty years.

Reviews:

"The ultimate bee book for bee enthusiasts and experts alike."--Bookseller Buyer's Guide

"[A] well-written, informative and beautifully photographed reference on North America's bees."--The Chronicle Herald

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"If you have ever asked, 'what kind of bee is that?' The Bees in Your Backyard is the book for you. It is a must-have for bee lovers of all stripes."--Wild about Ants blog

"[A]s folks become more interested in bees, it seemed logical to Wilson and fellow bee biologist Olivia Messinger Carril that people should be more informed as well. The result is their new guide, The Bees in Your Backyard, which offers an introduction to a world of bees that is mostly hidden to people who aren't entomologists."--Adrian Higgins, Washington Post

"This book helps identify the bees that you see. It has more than 900 photos of all of the kinds of bees you'll find, plus the biology of all of the bees included, and how to provide both food and habitat for them. . . . This is probably the best reference on all of the bees in your backyard you'll find, and the price is right."--Bee Culture