

# 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE BEES

**Educate yourself** – Read articles and watch documentaries about bees to understand why they are so valuable and learn what is **Colony Collapse Disorder**.

**Avoid pesticides** - They have a cumulative effect and are one of the possible reasons why bees are endangered. You can also try natural methods of pest control – e.g. putting up bird boxes, using vinegar to get rid of weeds.

**Buy local and organic products** from locals – This will support the local community and will help keep monocultures and pesticides away.

**Build bee hotels** – You can easily build this simple construction made of tubes outside your house by following some easy **instructions**.

**Be(e) active** - There are lots of groups and initiatives that you can participate in - from signing petitions to ban pesticides to asking the government to pay more attention to the problem of disappearance of bees.

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Bees play a huge role in the ecosystem – even if we are not always aware of it. Honey bees, for example, have been around for millions of years, collecting pollen and making honey. Moreover, bees pollinate about 1/3 of our food.

There are about 20.000 species of bees in the world – however, nowadays many bees are disappearing, in the context of what is called Colony Collapse Disorder. Bees give us many fruits and vegetables, honey and much more – it is time to give something back and act to help the bees.

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