

Episode 16

Mary Harris and bees

Stewy learned that bees are essential to keep healthy ecosystems in Iowa. Honey bees have been disappearing and many people are concerned that it will affect our ability to grow food for humans and animals. Mary Harris and other researchers are trying to find out why this is happening and what can be done to help the bees.



There are about 200 species of native bees in Iowa that help pollinate plants. Honey bees and other bees are alike in some ways and different in others.

Write "honey bees" on the line if the statement is only true for honey bees. Write "native bees" if the statement is true only for native bees. Write "both" if the statement is true for both kinds of bees.

1. They live together in hives. _____
2. They pollinate plants in Iowa. _____
3. Many of them are dying. _____
4. They dig holes in the ground. _____
5. They live alone. _____
6. They eat nectar. _____
7. They produce honey. _____
8. They forage for food. _____
9. There are over 200 species. _____
10. They need plants and plants need them. _____

Bonus: Unscramble the letters to find the word that is described in #10 above.

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