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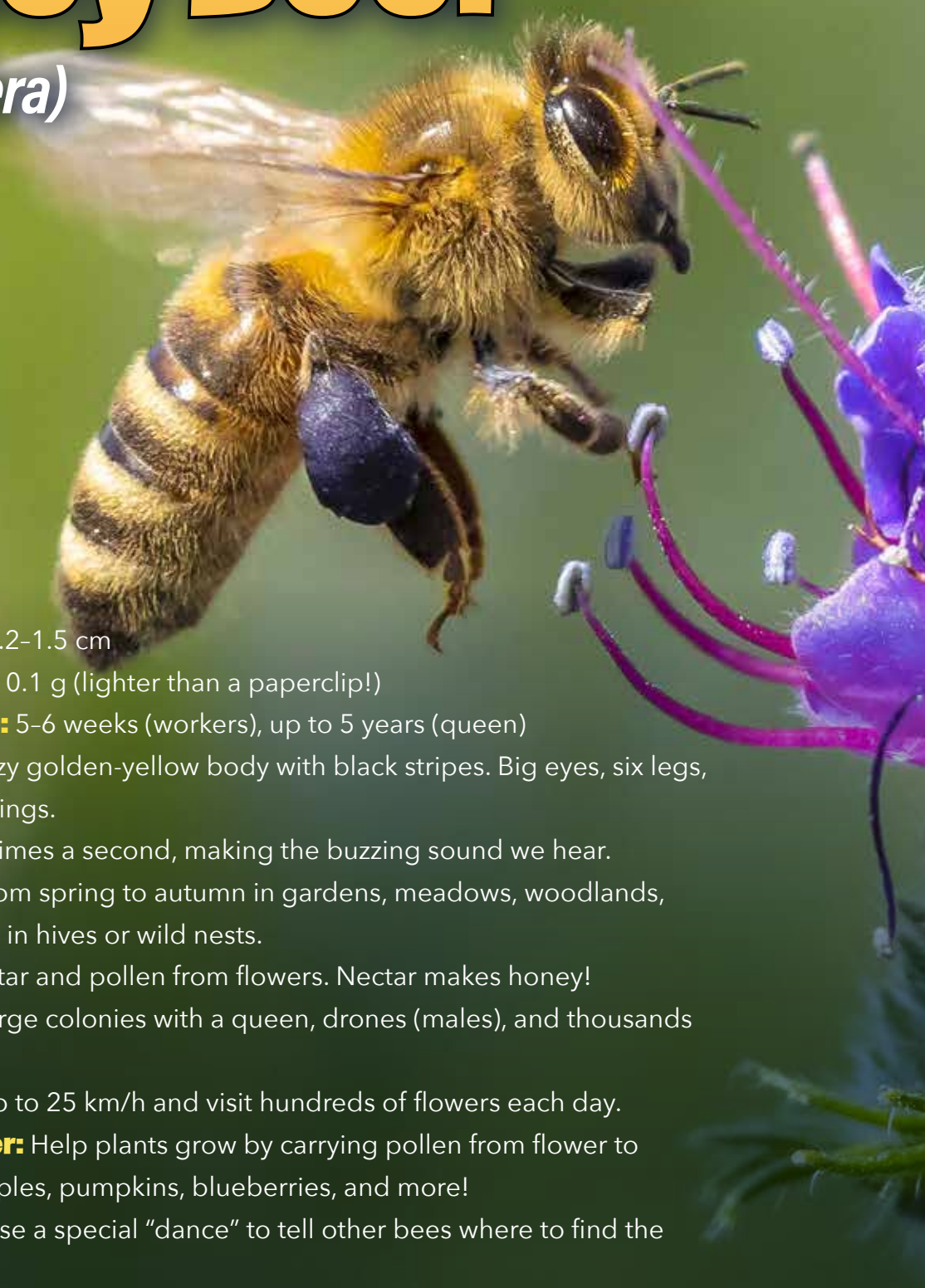
The Magazine for Budding Pest Controllers

Welcome to issue 12 of PCN Junior, a magazine presented by the creators of Pest Control News.

This issue of PCN discovers bees pollinate over 75% of the world's flowers and crops – like apples, strawberries, pumpkins, and even almonds!

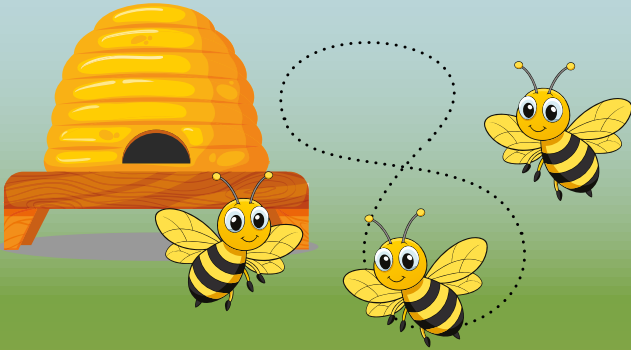
Introducing the Honey Bee:

(Apis mellifera)

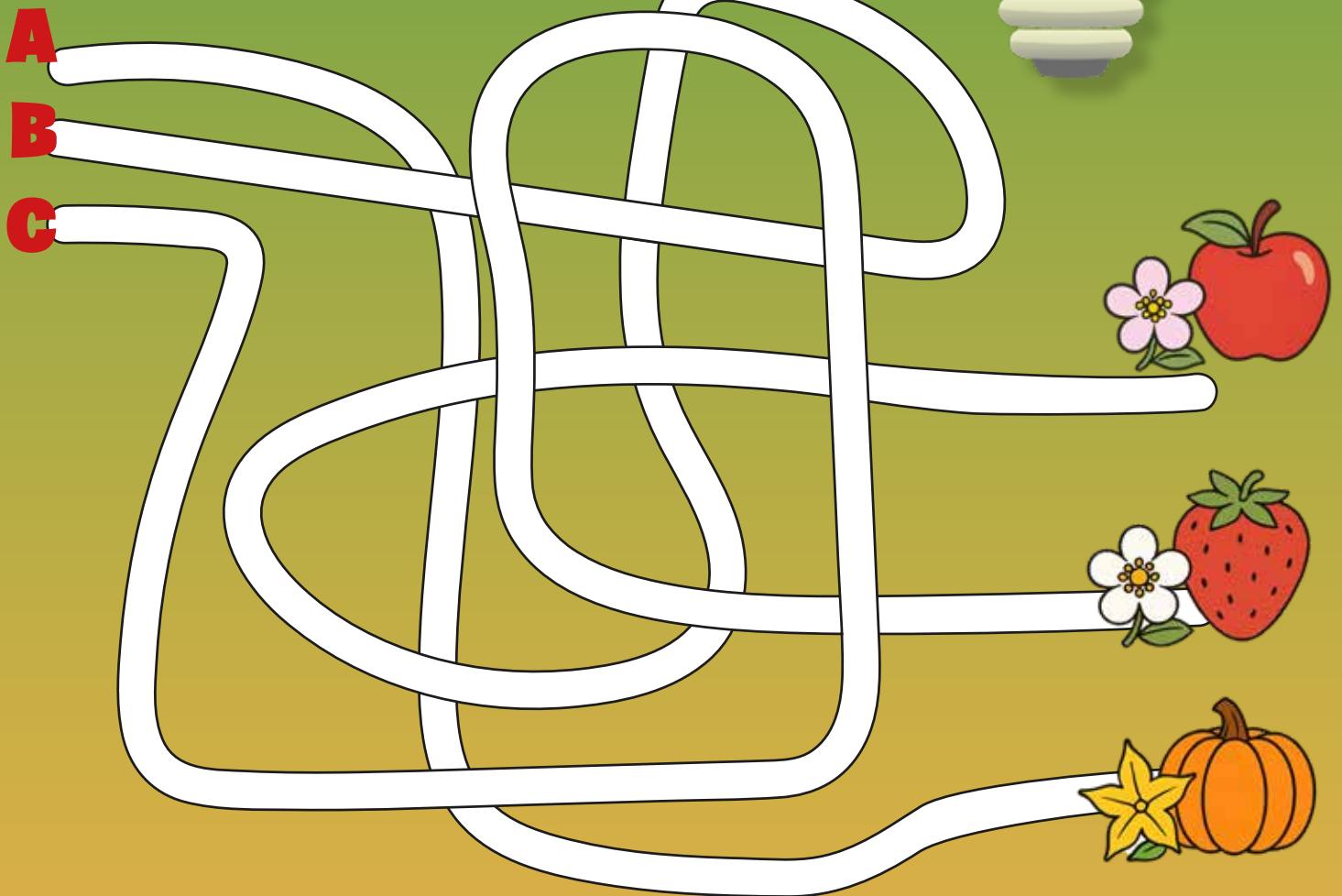
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- 🌻 **Length:** Around 1.2-1.5 cm
 - 🌻 **Weight:** Less than 0.1 g (lighter than a paperclip!)
 - 🌻 **Average lifespan:** 5-6 weeks (workers), up to 5 years (queen)
 - 🌻 **Appearance:** Fuzzy golden-yellow body with black stripes. Big eyes, six legs, and two pairs of wings.
 - 🌻 **Wings:** Beat 200 times a second, making the buzzing sound we hear.
 - 🌻 **Habitat:** Found from spring to autumn in gardens, meadows, woodlands, and farmland. Live in hives or wild nests.
 - 🌻 **Diet:** Feed on nectar and pollen from flowers. Nectar makes honey!
 - 🌻 **Shelter:** Live in large colonies with a queen, drones (males), and thousands of worker bees.
 - 🌻 **Movement:** Fly up to 25 km/h and visit hundreds of flowers each day.
 - 🌻 **Pollination Power:** Help plants grow by carrying pollen from flower to flower—vital for apples, pumpkins, blueberries, and more!
 - 🌻 **Waggle Dance:** Use a special “dance” to tell other bees where to find the best flowers.
 - 🌻 **Breeding:** The queen lays up to 2,000 eggs a day! Baby bees (eggs-larvae-pupae) grow in wax cells called brood combs.
 - 🌻 **Stinging Fact:** Only female bees (workers) can sting—and they only do it if they feel threatened.

Help the bees find their way to the flowers.

Pick the right path and see if you can buzz to the blossom



Honeybees tell other Honeybees where the flowers are, by doing their famous 'waggle dance'.



Path A leads to.....

Path B leads to.....

Path C leads to

Spot the Difference: Buzzing in the Garden!

Can you find the 5 differences between these two pictures of busy bees and blooming flowers?





Here's a buzz-tastic Bee Word Search!

It's full of words all about bees, blossoms, and the busy world of pollinators.
Happy searching!

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**Honey
Buzz
Nectar
Hive**

**Wings
Queen
Worker
Drone**

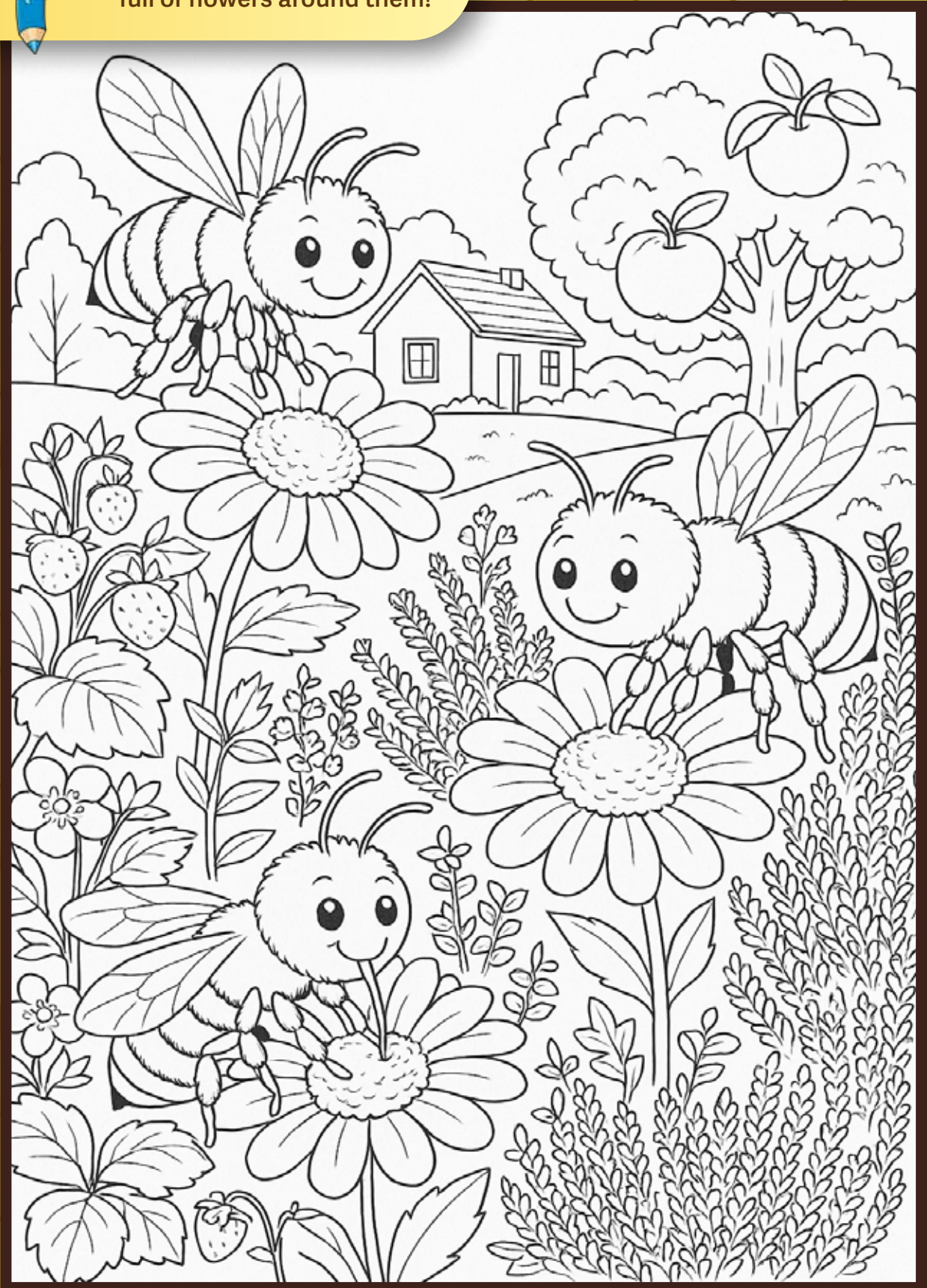
**Pollen
Flower
Sting
Comb**

**Bee
Swarm
Garden**





Grab your crayons or markers
and bring the Busy Bees to life!
Don't forget to color the garden
full of flowers around them!



Bella the Bee's Big Job

Once upon a time, in a colourful meadow full of daisies and dandelions, lived a young honey bee named Bella. Bella was small with a fuzzy thorax, golden stripes and teeny-tiny wings that buzzed like a little motor.

It was Bella's very first day out of the hive, and she was bursting with excitement.

"I want to do something important!" Bella buzzed.

"Then today's the perfect day," said her big sister Beatrix. "It's your turn to help pollinate the flowers!"

Bella tilted her head. "Polli-what?" Beatrix giggled.

"Pollinate! That means we carry pollen from one flower to another so new plants can grow. Without bees, there'd be no apples, no pumpkins, not even strawberries!"


Bella's eyes widened. "No strawberries?! That sounds serious."



With a flutter of her wings, Bella zipped out into the meadow. She landed gently on a bright pink flower and wiggled inside. The flower tickled her belly as golden dust stuck to her legs. As she flew to the next bloom, some of the pollen brushed off.

"That's pollination!" Bella shouted proudly to no one in particular.






Soon she met a butterfly sipping nectar.
 “Hi there! I’m Bella. Do you pollinate too?”
 “A little,” said the butterfly, “but not like you bees.
 You’re the real heroes of the garden!”
 Bella blushed under her fuzz.

She visited more flowers—yellow ones, purple ones,
 even teeny white ones with curly petals. Everywhere she
 went, she helped flowers grow and fruits begin to form.

But then Bella flew over a garden that looked a little bare.
 There were hardly any flowers, and she couldn’t hear any buzzing.
 She spotted a ladybird resting on a leaf and buzzed down.
 “Hello! Where are all the flowers?” Bella asked.

“They used to be here,” said the ladybird kindly. “But this
 garden hasn’t had many plants for bees or bugs lately.
 Maybe they just need a bit of help.”

Bella thought for a moment. Then she had an idea.
 “If everyone planted more flowers—like daisies and sunflowers -
 we’d have plenty to visit!”
 The ladybird nodded. “And the bees would come back, just like you!”

Bella zipped back to the meadow and told Beatrix all about the
 quiet garden and her big idea.

“If more people planted flowers, we’d have even more places to
 visit!” Bella buzzed.

Beatrix smiled. “Exactly! That’s how we keep the world
 blooming—one flower at a time.”

Bella beamed. She might be small, but now she knew her job
 really mattered.

**Even the tiniest wings can help the world grow.
 Save the bees!**



Sweet Honey Oat Bites!

Here's a fun and tasty no-bake recipe using honey—just like the bees make!

These Honey Oat Bites are great for sharing, snacking, or enjoying with a picnic

Now here's how to make them:

1. Mix it up:

In a large bowl, stir together the oats, peanut butter, honey, vanilla, and salt.

Mix until everything is evenly combined. If you're using chocolate chips, stir those in too!

2. Roll and shape:

Use your hands or a spoon to roll the mixture into small balls (about the size of a walnut).

Place each one into a paper case or onto your lined tray.

You Will Need:

- 100g rolled oats
- 100g smooth peanut butter (or sunflower seed butter for nut-free)
- 60ml honey
- 50g chocolate chips (optional)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- A pinch of salt
- Mini paper cases or a tray lined with parchment



3. Chill and set:

Pop them in the fridge for 30 minutes until they're firm.

4. Serve and enjoy:

Once chilled, your Honey Oat Bites are ready to eat! Store them in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week.

Tips:

Add extras like raisins, chopped dried apricots, or sunflower seeds for a crunchy twist.

Drizzle a little extra honey on top for extra sweetness!

This is a no-bake recipe—just mix, chill, and enjoy!

Reminder:

Always ask an adult to help with measuring and mixing.

Allergy Note: Peanut butter can be swapped for seed or nut-free spreads.

Honey Tip: Honey is not recommended for children under 1 year old.

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COMPETITION TIME!

**Draw your best version of
Honeybees buzzing in a garden**

The best drawing will win a
Squishy Plushies Honeybee

Submit your drawing to: editor@pestcontrolnews.com



Competition entry closes on the 30th September 2025.

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