



# Bee & Butterfly Houses



- Bee houses provide nesting space for native pollinators such as solitary Mason bees and Leaf Cutter bees. These bees lay their eggs in the narrow, tube-like holes of the house.
- Solitary bees are not aggressive but they may sting if they are stepped on or squashed.
- Solitary bees do not: build honeycombs, make honey, live in hives, or swarm.
- However, solitary bees do provide an essential service of pollinating flowers, crops, and fruit bearing plants. In fact, Mason bees are over 100 times more efficient at pollinating than honey bees!

- Butterfly houses provide shelter for butterflies to hibernate in the winter.
- The long narrow openings act as a hollow tree openings. In nature, butterflies will seek shelter under trees, leaves, or other vegetation.
- Areas which are sheltered from wind are the best locations to place butterfly houses.

