

Gardening for Native Bees

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Bonnie will introduce the amazing diversity in lifestyle, flower preference, and nesting habitat of BC's more than 500 species of native bees. She will also discuss current bee health concerns, and provide some suggestions for how gardeners can support more bees and other pollinators in their own yards.



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