

Giant Resin Bee

Megachile sculpturalis

Family: Megachilidae

Size: 3/4" (19 mm)

Range: Minnesota and Ontario south to Alabama and Georgia



The Giant Resin bee is native to Asian, but they were first reported in North Carolina in 1994. They live in and near woody habitats and often are found near decks and buildings. Females often use resin from pines and maples, as well as mud to build their 10 brood cells in old, abandoned eastern carpenter bee tunnels. Adult Giant Resin Bees emerge in late spring and summer and visit many types of flowers. In my experience, they love mountain mint - *Pycnanthemum muticum*.

More Information: http://go.ncsu.edu/giant_resin_bee

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