

May 8, 2026

Dear Contra Costa County Department of Fish and Wildlife,

In April 2026, it came to our attention that the Hive Alive! Exhibit at Lindsay Wildlife Experience was not submitted for reimbursement in 2024. This exhibit was completed in August, 2024 and features a sponsorship plaque thanking the Contra Costa County Department of Fish and Wildlife for the generous support. The exhibit is complete, paid in full, and a wonderful addition to the Lindsay Wildlife exhibit hall.

While I can only speculate on why it was not submitted to your department, Lindsay Wildlife respectfully requests the opportunity to submit documentation and to receive the awarded funding for the exhibit. The grant manager at the time was responsible for submitting the reimbursement request. All other departments delivered on their contribution to the exhibit. The grant manager went on to another institution in 2025. Please accept our deepest apologies for this error.

Thank you for considering our request, and we appreciate your continued support.

Warm regards,



Jennifer Shaw, Curator of Education & Visitor Engagement

# Hive Alive!

## Western Honey Bee

The honey bee is a social insect that lives in colonies and produces honey. They honey bees are the most common and important bees in America. They are found in the United States, Africa, and Europe. Honey bees play an important role in pollinating the food we eat. Approximately one in every three bites of food we eat depends on pollination, and some foods depend only on honey bees.

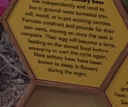
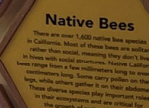
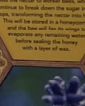
## Honey Bees

Honey bees have a long history of being used in agriculture. They are the most important pollinators of our food crops. Honey bees are also used in the production of honey, which is a natural sweetener.



## Honey

Honey is a natural sweetener that is made by honey bees. It is made from the nectar of flowers and is a natural source of energy. Honey is also a natural preservative and is used in many foods and medicines.



## Native Bees

There are over 4,000 native bee species in California. Most of these bees are solitary, which means they do not live in colonies. Native bees are important pollinators of many native plants and crops. Some native bees are also used in agriculture.

## Yellow-faced Bumble Bee

Yellow-faced bumble bees are the most common bumble bees in California. They are important pollinators of many native plants and crops. They are also used in agriculture.



## Ultra Green Sweat Bee

Ultra green sweat bees are small, solitary bees that are important pollinators of many native plants and crops. They are also used in agriculture.



## Plant Labels

Plant labels are important for identifying plants and their uses. They are often used in gardens and nurseries.



## Don't see your plant?

If you don't see your plant on the list, please contact us for more information. We will be happy to help you find the right plant for your garden.

## Below the Surface

Below the surface of the soil, there is a world of life. Many organisms live and work in the soil, helping to keep it healthy and fertile. These organisms include bacteria, fungi, and insects.





Flowers like Ernkart's aster.

bee's favor

### Can you find me?



**The Queen**

The only queen is surrounded by a ring of workers.



**Drone**

Find large, male, drones by looking for their square abdomens!



**Worker Bee**

Worker bees are the most plentiful bees in the hive!

Over 40% of California native bees are solitary. They build their nests in the ground, in hollow stems, or in pre-existing holes. Help native bees by planting flowers that provide nectar and pollen for growing honeybees. Avoid pesticides, and keep your yard free of lawn mowers and trimmers.

UNDER



Can you find me?



**Larvae**  
Larvae grow in honeycomb. Look for their white bodies!



**Honey**  
Look for glossy honeycombs along the edges to find honey!



**Eggs**  
Look inside 'empty' cells to see the queen's white eggs.

Mount Diablo



### Plant native flowers

With an ever-decreasing natural habitat, urban gardens are becoming an important refuge for pollinators. Planting native wildflower-rich habitats is one of the most significant actions you can do to help pollinators. In fact, a single urban garden can attract up to 50 different species of bees.

Flowers like Frikart's aster, California poppy, and western redbuds are some of the bees' favorites.



### Don't use pesticides

One in every three bites of food you eat relies on bees for pollination. By using harmful pesticides, you can negatively impact these important pollinators. Pesticides can cause memory loss, reproduction issues, and even kill bees. Use natural repellents such as peppermint oil, or create a habitat for pest-eating species like ladybugs.



This table MUST be completed with your grant reimbursement request. Please submit as an Excel spreadsheet.

Tape receipts to paper and number each page in the upper right hand corner.

Grantee Name: Lindsay Wildlife Experience  
 Name of Project: Creating an Interactive Bee Exhibit and Education Programs  
 Contact Name Phone and Email if there are questions about this:  
 Jennifer Shaw: jshaw@lindsaywildlife.org

Page number that receipt is on.	Description of service/item and amount allowable from grant award	Vendor	Date on Receipt/Invoice number	Description of service/item on receipt (highlight item(s) on receipt)	Total Amount of Receipt/Invoice	Total Amount of Receipt/Invoice for reimbursement from the Grant
	Graphics, Exhibits Title	Lisa Park Design	9/3/2024	Exhibit Title, Honeycomb fram graphics, window graphics, honeycomb shapes, hive interactive, 3d frame design	\$3,630.00	\$2,787.30
	Exhibit Frabrication	John Murray Productions	7/25/2024	Honeycomb display and Exhibition Title Letters, Installation, Graphics Installation, Interactive Cover Acrylic, Vinyl Cut Cat, Wildflower Clear Window, Honeycomb Dibond DTS, Honeycomb Opaque Window, Hive Interactive Print	\$9,546.26	\$7,682.70
	None	Ebe's Painting	6/17/2024	Prep and Painting Exhibit Wall	\$1,000.00	\$0.00

**TOTAL**

**\$10,470.00**