

Green Sweat Bee
Family Halictidae

Genus Agapostemon

(ag-uh-PAHST-eh-mon)



40 species in
worldwide, 14 in
North America



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Physical Characteristics

Males have black / yellow striped abdomen. Females have bright shiny green head, thorax and abdomen, or a black/brown abdomen with white hair bands.

Food Resources

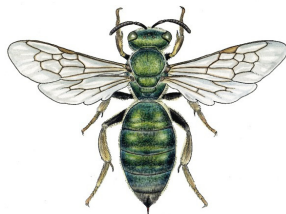
Prefer shallow flowers.

Nests

Nests in deep vertical burrows in flat or sloping soil, sometimes in banks. Mostly solitary, some nest communally.

Fun Fact

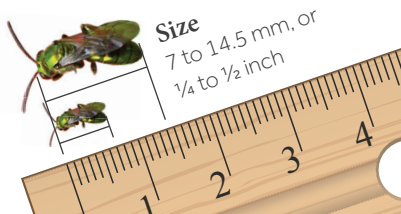
Only female bees overwinter. All male bees die in the fall.



female
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male
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Size

7 to 14.5 mm, or
1/4 to 1/2 inch