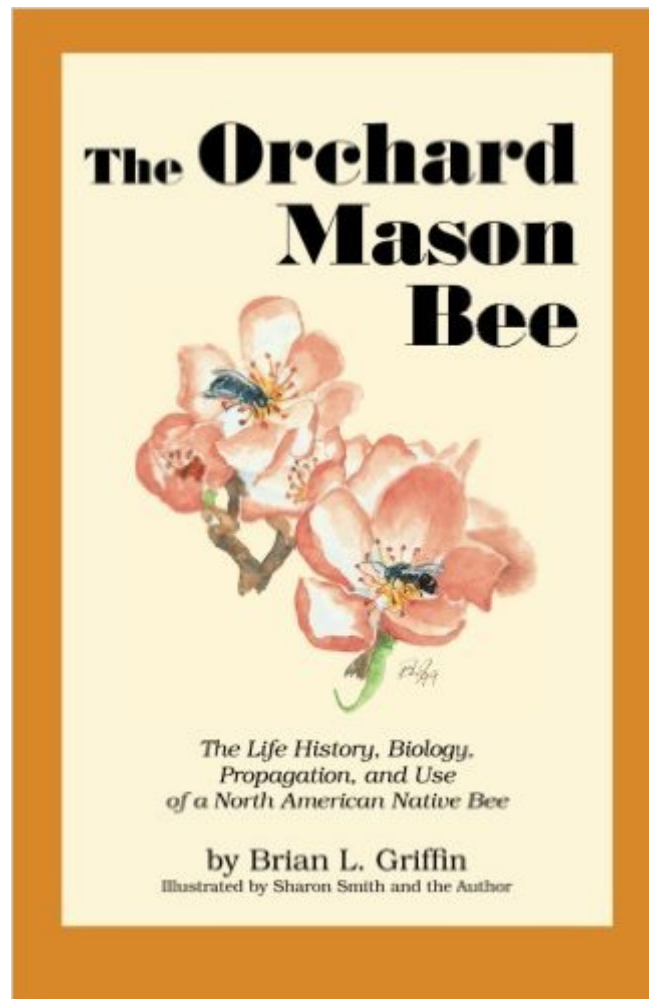


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# The Orchard Mason Bee: The Life History, Biology, Propagation, And Use Of A North American Native Bee



## Synopsis

(*Osmia lignaria propinqua* Cresson) Raise Pollinating Bees in Your Own Backyard. Here is All the Information You Will Need to Capture and Raise These Docile Bees at Home. GROW apples, pears, and other crops successfully with these highly efficient pollinators. LEARN the fascinating life history of this mild-mannered bee. Watch as its life cycle unfolds in your own bee colony. EDUCATIONAL. A wonderful activity to introduce children to the marvels of the natural world. NON-AGGRESSIVE. Beneficial bees that everyone can propagate at home.

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## Customer Reviews

I went through this book fast. It was as fascinating as it was informative on the subject of the Mason Bee. With the information I learned I will be able to successfully raise Mason Bees. I had what I thought was a big fly going into my shed last Spring. I soon realized after looking closer that it was in fact a bee burrowing into a hole in a 1" plywood board. After surfing the net, I found out it was a Mason Bee. Many blogs on the subject recommended that I drill 1/4" or 5/16" holes to promote more nesting. I did, but I only had a standard length drill bit. After running across Brian's book, I ordered it and read through it. He stresses throughout his book that to produce more females for egg laying, the holes should be 6" long to increase the chances for more females. So, my point is, there are many suggestions and observations written that would enhance the "Mason Bee farmer's" chances of being more successful at producing large numbers of Mason Bees. I had 6 Mason Bee females nest in the holes I drilled last Spring. I will be ready next Spring with the "BeeObserver Mason Bee

House w/20 nesting tubes. The bees should make their way out of the Plywood nesting holes I made. Hopefully the females will nest in the Mason Bee house next Spring. The book has caricature pen and ink drawings only. I wish the book would of had close up photos of the bees; that's why I gave it 4 stars. Still a fine book on the subject.

I was interested in Orchard Mason Bees and now I have them and love them- they're incredible critters and Brian Griffin seriously knows everything about them. This book was an easy and interesting read and really prepares you with everything you need to know to have these sweet pollinators at your place.

JUST WHAT I NEEDED , VERY HAPPY WITH MY PURCHASE .COVERS ALL THE BASES OF THE MASON BEES , VERY EASY TO READ , BEST BOOK ON MASON BEES I HAVE SEEN . I WOULD RECOMEND TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE FASINATING LITTLE BEES,

As a long time honeybee keeper I felt the book was very informative. I have a deep concern for the plight of all the pollinators. Many of us think only of the honeybee as a pollinator. I feel more books need to be written allowing the availability for better education of all pollinators. As the president of the St Clair Beekeepers Association, my recommendation will be we have a copy of "The Orchard Mason" Bee in our library.

This is a short and detailed account of how to raise Mason Bees. I found this book to be an excellent reference text for my beekeeping class.

A book for the person who is new to bees. Really simple, explanatory, comprehensive, and helpful when I purchased the Schrodts Model MB-L Mason Bee Lodge. Worth the cost and so far I've loaned it out to four women - we can help nature by helping the bees.

I grow a lot of different kind of berries and decided to try the Orchard Mason Bees vs. honey bees. This Spring will be my first attempt to be their landlord :-). I have 40 cocoons of live (I hope) adult Mason bees I will put in a special place for them when the weather gets warmer consistently.

A tiny book for a tiny animal. There really isn't much out there written on these amazing bees. This has all you need to know and more. It could only be improved by adding color photographs and

current ideas on housing issues.

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