Carpenter Bees



A Carpenter Bee preparing to drill a tunnel, causing damage to wood.

Wisconsin's Eastern Carpenter Bee is the most destructive bee in the U.S. Often confused with the hairy Bumble Bee, Carpenter Bees have a smooth abdomen.

These large bees have a blue-black, green, or purple sheen and often burrow into the exposed hardwood of buildings, decks, fence posts, and outdoor furniture. The damage can be extensive.