



Solitary Bees

Long-Horned Bees

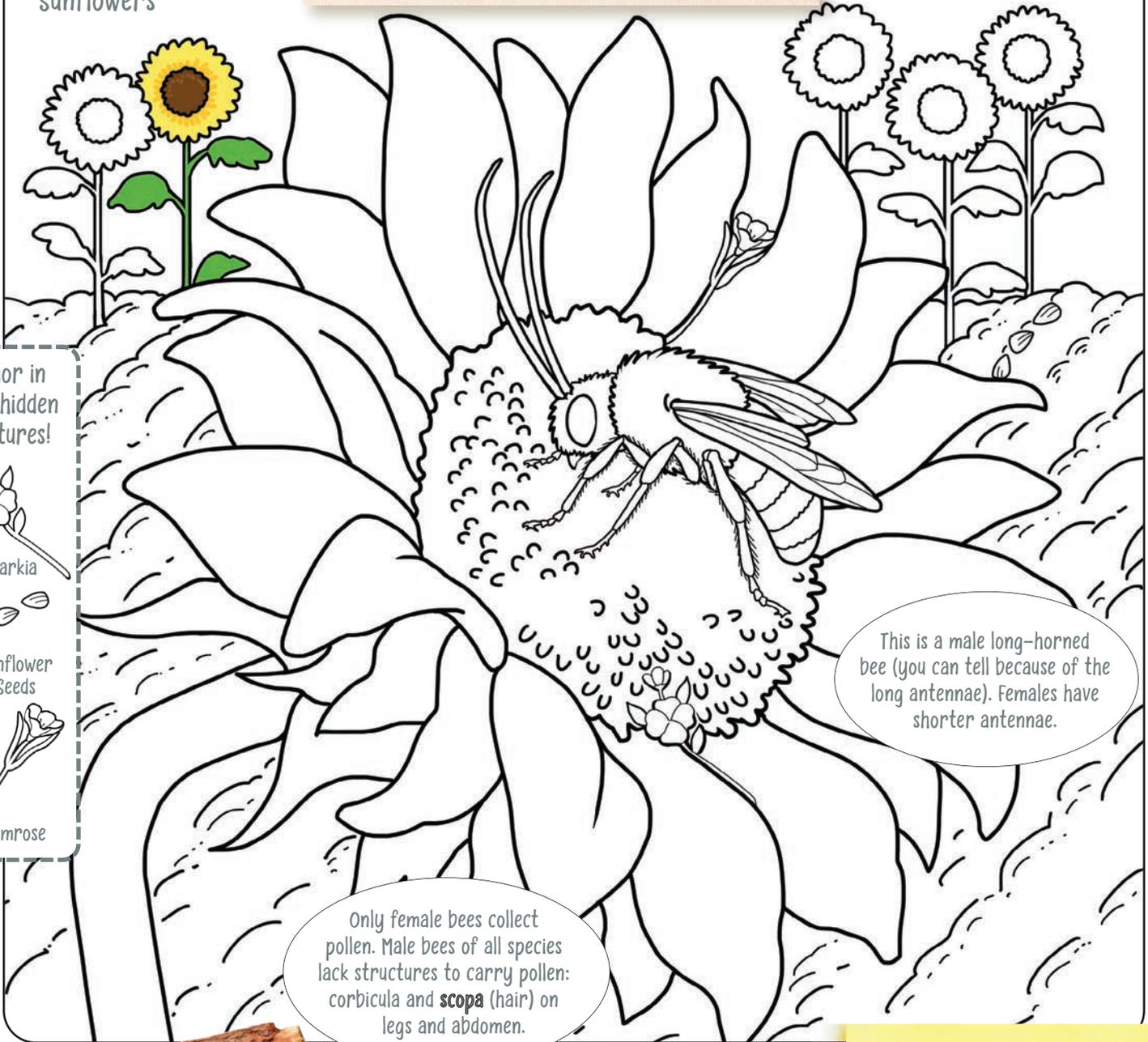


Long-Horned Bee
9 to 15 mm in length



Genus: *Melissodes*
(pronounced mel-eh-SOH-dees)

Sunflowers



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Clarkia



Sunflower Seeds



Primrose

This is a male long-horned bee (you can tell because of the long antennae). Females have shorter antennae.

Only female bees collect pollen. Male bees of all species lack structures to carry pollen: corbicula and **scopa** (hair) on legs and abdomen.

Field Notes:

Long-horned bees are beautiful medium-sized bees that are very fuzzy. They are dark with yellow, black or white hairs. Males have long **antennae** (horns) like the bee shown. Females have large, brush-like hairs on their back legs that they use to carry pollen. Bees in the genus *Melissodes* like to visit plants in the sunflower family the most. They also visit a number of native plants. Planting sunflowers in your community, and watching the blooms, is the best way to find these bees in Oregon.

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A trait of this bee is that they are beautiful.

Name a synonym for beautiful: