



*Reginald Fox is helping the bees by planting a garden filled with flowers. You can color Reginald, his bee friend, and the flowers. Then, draw even more flowers in the garden!*

WEE BEE BOX



# FACTS ABOUT BEES

- 1. Bees are the only insects in the world that make food humans can eat.*
- 2. Honeybees are important pollinators for fruit, flowers, and vegetables.*
- 3. Bees carry pollen on their hind legs in hairy receptacles called “corbiculae” which act as pollen baskets.*
- 4. A bee must collect nectar from about 2 million flowers to make one pound of honey. Bees fly more than once around the world to gather that much nectar!*
- 5. Bees communicate by dancing. The “waggle,” “whir” and “joy” are just some of their dance names.*
- 6. Bees are remarkably tidy and meticulous. They groom each other and keep their hive incredibly clean.*
- 7. Bees use their honeycomb cells to raise their babies in, and to store nectar, honey, pollen, and water.*
- 8. Honeybees live in colonies with one queen running the whole hive. All honeybees are social and cooperative insects.*
- 9. A queen bee can lay up to 2,000 eggs a day!*
- 10. Honeybees return to their hive at dusk.*
- 11. Bees live on stored pollen and honey all winter, and cluster into a ball to conserve warmth.*

*(Sources: BBC, National Geographic, Ontario Honey, Big Island Bees)*

## THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP BEES

- 1. Plant a garden*
- 2. Create a bee bath*
- 3. Build your own bee hotel*
- 4. Take care of trees*
- 5. Start a honeybee hive or sponsor a hive*
- 6. Support your local beekeeper by buying their products*
- 7. Do not use synthetic pesticides, fertilizers, or herbicides that can hurt bees*

*Make a difference today! Learn more at [The Honeybee Conservancy](http://TheHoneybeeConservancy.org).*