

Native Bee Size & Foraging Range

Bee flight ranges partly depend on size, which is determined by species & sex.

It was thought that large bees could travel farther than small bees.

New studies show that small bees can travel as far as large ones if food is scarce.

Resource availability and quality influence bee foraging patterns and distances.

Small
Sweat bee
<500m




Small
Rice-sized
~10 mm

Medium
Leafcutter bee
500m-1km




Medium
Bean-sized
~13 mm

Large
Bumble bee
>1km




Large
Almond-sized
~20 mm