

Minnesota Bee Atlas

The last time a survey of Minnesota bees was completed was in 1919 when only 67 species were listed. Scientists suspect that there may be closer to 400 species but we need the help of citizen scientists like you to find them all. In this workshop, you will learn about the life cycle and ecology of native bees, basic bee identification, and tips for photographing bees. These skills will prepare you to participate in the Minnesota Bee Atlas, a citizen science program that will use historical records, research from the Minnesota DNR and University of Minnesota, as well as current observations from participants across the state to create a searchable database of Minnesota native bees. The information we gather on species distribution and diversity will be important to help us track if or how bee populations are changing and how those changes might affect land management decisions. Please dress to spend time both indoors and outside.

Location: [Ely Outdoor Learning Center - Jun 6, 2016](#)