



## A-May-zing New Products!

**FrogLog** - This is my favourite product this year! I hear so many sad stories from pool owners that are too late to rescue a chipmunk or toad from their pool. The FrogLog is a swimming pool escape ramp for frogs, mice, chipmunks, etc. Simply place the FrogLog floating platform in the water and place the sandbag on the pool deck. When a critter falls into a pool, they instinctively swim along the pool wall trying to escape. The animal will climb onto the Frog log, climb the mesh ramp, and exit the pool... **24.99**



**HummZinger HighView** - The new HummZinger HighView feeder offers an upgrade to this best-selling line of hummingbird feeders. This feeder includes a HighView perch that invites hummingbirds to rest comfortably as they drink, while also offering an unobstructed view of the birds. The built-in ant moat blocks crawling insects, and the optional Nectar-Guard tips prevent wasps from contaminating nectar... **28.99**



**Bottoms Up!** - To eat from Droll Yankees' new Bottoms Up Feeders, Goldfinches hang upside down from the perches. This design was originally developed years ago to prevent house finches from monopolizing feeders. Finally, this entertaining style of feeder is available with the well-known Droll Yankees quality... **20.99-57.99**

**Lil Sweetie** - I think this new hummingbird feeder is so clever! It has 30 feeding ports that mimic real-life flowers, and 200 facets that sparkle beautifully to attract hummingbirds. Raised ports deny insects of nectar. Connect more than one for a tiered feeder!... **43.99**



### Outback

Here's a great new range of products to protect you from those biting insects during those long hot summer months:

**Body Armour Insect Spray** - This is 100% Deet free and chemical free, using proven insect repelling essential oils, including Lemon Eucalyptus & Neem Oil, blended with Aloe Vera to soothe the skin. Go natural this summer!... **12.99-16.99** (not shown)

**Citronella Stones** - Heavily fragranced stones using all natural citronella and lemongrass oils. Just leave the open jar near where you sit to keep those biting insects at bay... **15.99** 🍁



## Mother's Day is May 8th!

### Lavender Sleep Stones

Natural lava rocks infused and aged in pure lavender oil is the perfect aide for restful sleep. Place the Sleep Stones in a bowl by your bedside and enjoy the gentle aromas in the evening. This unique product is very effective in giving a good night's sleep... **9.99-15.99**



**Nourishte** - These beautifully packaged tins of goodness taste as great as they are for you. All of those little loose leaves were discovered from one man's journey around the world in his quest to find the world's greatest tea. The result is the Toronto company, Nourishte. What a relaxing way to get your anti-oxidants... **7.99-9.99** 🍁

### Handmade Honey Dipper

These pretty dippers are turned from cherry or maple. Perfect for dripping our Nude Bee honey onto her toast or into her favourite tea or coffee... **10.99**



### Miracle Cloth

Staff favourite! Wet it. Wring it. Wipe any surface. Will clean better than any chemicals... **7.99**

### Dragonfly Thingie

Just weave this beaded dragonfly ornament onto your screen door to prevent embarrassing collisions! As a patio screen ornament this is one of the prettiest designs you will find... **12.99**

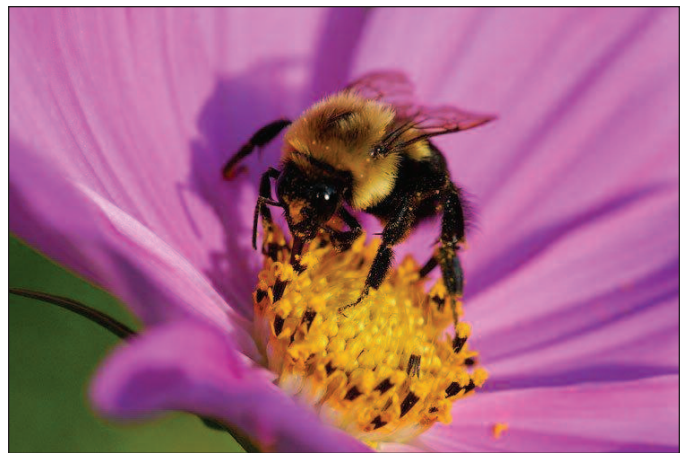


# Bee Helpful

I'm worried about our bees, so I thought I'd educate myself a bit more and I'd like to share some information with you. The recent decline of bumblebees has been overshadowed by the press coverage of the collapse of commercial honeybee colonies. I've decided to give bumbles the spotlight here.

Bumblebees are important native pollinators. Two native bumblebee species that used to be the most common bees in Ontario seem to be in massive decline. They are extremely important foragers. Unlike honeybees, they are able to forage under cold, rainy and cloudy conditions. Some crops which bumblebees can pollinate include tomatoes, peppers, blueberry, apples, strawberries, melons, squashes, soybeans, sunflower, cotton, cranberries and many more.

Currently, the suspected threats to wild bumblebees are Habitat Loss, Widespread Pesticide Use, Introduction of



Disease from Managed Bees, and Climate Change.

Bumblebees feed only on pollen and nectar and thus are not the insects that bother you during picnics. While female bumblebees can sting, they are quite docile and will only sting if their colony is disturbed or they are cornered.

## You Can Help:

- Plant native flowers. **Featherfields carries a fantastic line of Native Canadian Wildflower Seeds with info booklet, by Nature's Garden.** 
- Plant for sequential bloom, from spring through to autumn.
- Crocus, hyacinth, calendula, and wild lilac provide enticing spring blooms.
- Bees feast on bee balm, cosmos, Echinacea, snapdragons, foxglove, and hosta in the summer.
- For fall, zinnias, sedum, asters, and goldenrod are late bloomers that will tempt foragers.
- Use heirloom varieties, which tend to have more fragrance, pollen and nectar. Bees tend to prefer pink, purple, and yellow flowers.



- Avoid using herbicides or pesticides in the garden. They not only can be toxic to bees but also are best not introduced to people or pets that visit your garden. Birds, ladybugs, spiders, and praying mantises will naturally keep pest populations in check.
- Create a "bee bath." Bees need a place to get fresh, clean water. A clean bird bath is a good source. You may want to add stones for the bees to land on while drinking. **Featherfields has a beautiful new selection of birdbaths to choose from.** 



In my own garden, I really noticed the absence of bumblebees last year. Normally my spirea bushes are covered in bumblebees, but I think I saw only one bumble last year. Pop into the store or join us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** to discuss what's happening in your garden!

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### No-Mess Seed

Have you tried Hulled Sunflower Seed? Birds love this nutritious seed, especially goldfinches! Keep your yard free of shells and weeds...offer hulled sunflower in a squirrel-proof feeder.

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