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Worker bees are female that do not reproduce; they forage for food, care for the queen and larvae, and maintain and defend the hive.



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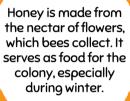
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Swarming bees are generally not aggressive because they do not have a hive to defend. They are more focused on protecting their queen and finding a new nesting site.

A swarm may stay in one location temporarily as scout bees search for a suitable new home. Once a location is found, the swarm will move on to establish a new hive.

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The frequency of swarming depends on the health of the hive, regional climate, and the time of year.

If you see a swarm, keep a safe distance and inform Library staff immediately. If the Library is closed, please call the specified emergency numbers.

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