

# Backyard BEASTIES

Male  
blue banded  
bees

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I'm a male blue banded bee.  
I have five blue abdominal bands, whereas females have four.





At night, I like to roost with other male blue banded bees.



After I've warmed up in the sun, I'm off to forage and find a female to mate with.





I use my proboscis to feast on the delicious nectar.



To drink, I insert my proboscis deep into the flower. Slurp!





Sometimes, orchid pollen grains get stuck to my back.



After I've had my fill, I feel a little sleepy.





This twig looks like a good place to rest.



I use my mandibles to grab onto twigs or stems.





It pays to hold on tight ...



Look out!  
An incoming bee!





Every time a new bee lands on the twig,  
the other bees shake their legs and  
wiggle their abdomens



Here we go again!





Male blue banded bees like to roost together.



Hey, we're running out of room!





When everyone is on board ...



... we all tuck our legs under our bodies ...





... and fall asleep.

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