

# Exotic Bee ID

AN INTERACTIVE TOOL FOR IDENTIFYING NON-NATIVE BEES

Exotic Bee ID is a project aimed at providing easy-to-use online identification resources for bee families and genera that are at high risk of being introduced to the US.

Access Exotic Bee ID at: <http://idtools.org/id/bees/exotic>



*Megachile pluto*

Exotic Bee ID is available publically to anyone with an interest in identifying bees. It may be especially helpful for those working at ports of entry, state departments of agriculture, or university extension services.



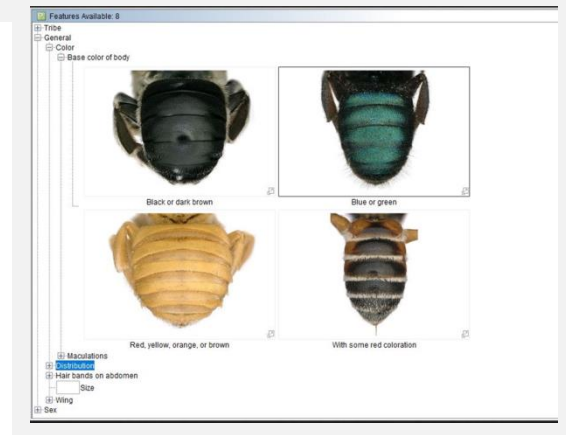
*Apis dorsata*

## What's included on the website:

Two keys are available online now:

- (1) A key to the 76 Megachilidae genera (including orchard, wool-carder, and leaf-cutter bees)
- (2) A key to the 9 species of honey bee (*Apis*)

These keys are accompanied by hundreds of high-magnification images, an illustrated glossary of terms, fact sheets for each genus and honeybee species, and instructions for museum-quality bee specimen preparation



*Serapista serrata*

## What we're working on now:

We are currently developing specific keys for *Anthidium* (wool carder bees) and *Osmia* (mason bees) along with accompanying factsheets.

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Exotic Bee ID is one of 40 online identification tools produced by the USDA Identification Technology Program (ITP).