

Soil Nesting Native Bees



Leafcutter Bee burrow, *Megachile maculariformis*
Photo – Megan Halcott
Megachile leafcutter Photo – Michael Duncan

Did you know the great majority of Australian bees are soil nesting?

- A location with permanently undisturbed soil will provide them with more nesting and breeding opportunities on your farm.
- Farming practices that inhibit or destroy nests, like extensive ploughing should be avoided in these selected nesting areas.
- Set aside some semi-bare, permanently untilled ground, especially near water bodies such as dams and creeks.

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Blue Banded Bee *Amegilla*_sp
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