



The solitary European wool-carder bee (*Anthidium manicatum*), seen feeding on *Limonium* (sea lavender), was **introduced from Europe** in the 1960s and is now found throughout the United States. Though it is a generalist, it prefers blue, tubular, Old World flowers. The female lines her nest with the “wool” from plants like lamb’s ear. Males are larger than females, have spiked abdomens, and are very aggressive in defending their territory; but remember, they cannot sting.

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