



Carpenter-mimic leafcutter (*Megachile xylocopoides*) bee, pictured on [Pycnanthemum muticum](#) (mountain mint), is often mistaken for southern carpenter bee (*Xylocopa micans*) because of her size and color, although her lineage becomes apparent if her **abdomen is loaded with pollen**. You can see the large mandibles she uses to cut leaves for her nest.

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