



A female carpenter bee (*Xylocopa virginica*) is robbing nectar from [Monarda didyma](#) 'Jacob Kline' (scarlet beebalm). An expert at coring tunnels in wood to make her nests, she can easily penetrate the base of the corolla and retrieve nectar that she is unable to access from inside the floral tube. Carpenter bees are often the first to drill the hole in the flower base and are referred to as “**primary robbers.**”

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