



The solitary European wool-carder bee (*Anthidium manicatum*), seen feeding on *Stachys officinalis* (betony), **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 (pictured) 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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