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#1 Florida's Bees May Be Africanized



What are Africanized honey bees?

Africanized honey bees are a particular bee “race” that respond in a deadly attack. Your typical European honey bees may send 2 or 3 bees to defend their hive. Africanized honey bees send 2 or 3 thousand! Thus have been dubbed, “Killer Bees”, and they do live up to their reputation.

The Dangers:

The European honey bee looks identical to the Africanized honey bee because they are of the same species. Thousands of Africanized honey bees may follow you for up to 300 yards to defend their hive. That's the length of 3 football fields!

If you dive into a body of water, they will form a black cloud of bees above you and wait for you to surface to breathe. Since they can detect carbon dioxide, they will aim for your mouth and throat.

Africanized honey bees are faster, and more agile than the European honey bees. If you ever encounter them, Run, Run, Run!



European honey bees may remain agitated for about 1 hour if their hive has been disturbed.

Africanized honey bees will remain agitated for up to 24 hours. During this time, they will sting anything that moves within 150 ft of the hive, and follow you up to the length of 3 football fields.

Check out this video that the LA County Fire Department uses to train their Africanized Honey Bee Task Force. [Click Here](#)

#2 Africanized Bees Swarm More Often



Typically when a bee hive runs out of room to grow, a new queen is made and the original queen takes about half of the hive to find a new place to live. This is called swarming. Since the swarm have no food, honey, or larvae to defend, they are not aggressive, even if they are Africanized.

In comparison to your typical European honey bees, they swarm 1 or 2 times per year, but the Africanized honey bees swarm 8 to 12 times per year.

Africanized honey bees are less picky of where to find a place to build their hive, thus they build their hives in odd places, and the swarm is much smaller in size.

#3 Bees May Be a Hybrid.



A hybrid Africanized honey bee emerges when an Africanized male drone mates with a European honey bee queen. It will just be a matter of time when the hybrid honey bees, due to the nature of their genetics, become fully Africanized.

Africanized honey bee swarms are known to take over an existing bee-hive instead of starting a new one. They infiltrate an existing bee-hive, with no resistance whatsoever. They kill the existing queen, and integrate their own. Resistance is futile.

#4 Africanized Honey Bees Reproduce Faster



Africanized honey bees focus more on higher brood production and put less energy into storing honey. Africanized honey bees produce more bees in a shorter period of time and they can develop their hive much faster. Their hive can become very large in a very short amount of time.

#5 Colony Collapse Disorder, CCD



What is colony collapse disorder, or CCD?

Colony collapse disorder is when worker bees mysteriously disappear, or abandon a managed colony, (a bee-hive colony owned by a beekeeper). Sometimes the queen is left behind which makes it so unusual. Why would the bees leave, or what happened to them? Scientists are still trying to figure this out. Educated guesses have been made, blaming pesticides, pathogens, GMOs, lack of pollen causing malnutrition, even cell phone towers & wifi signals were blamed at one point. The fact is, we don't entirely know for sure. It could be a number of factors working together. "Feral bees" are wild bees that eventually will make a hive in places where they may run into people. These bees count for less than 1% of the total population of bees worldwide. So don't feel bad when a company is hired to destroy bees at your home or backyard, because Africanized bees and Feral bees are busy stealing pollen and nectar from bees that beekeepers use to pollinate crops that farmers own. Beekeepers' bees are struggling to survive from CCD! So next time feral bees intrude in your home, call a professional to eliminate them. Doing so, will help save the bees that actually pollinate our food supply!

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