

The Drone Bee

1. He is the Male of the colony:
2. He has no wax glands and cannot produce any wax:
3. He has no stinger and cannot defend himself:
4. He is a very heavy honey eater:
5. He is driven from the hive in the fall:
6. His main and only purpose is to mate and fertilize the Queen:
7. Once he mates with the Queen, he dies:
8. He is used to encourage the females to produce :
9. His life span is from 2 to 4 months:
10. It takes 24 days from egg to birth:
11. He has to depend on his sisters for food, he cannot feed himself:

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