



Social Bees

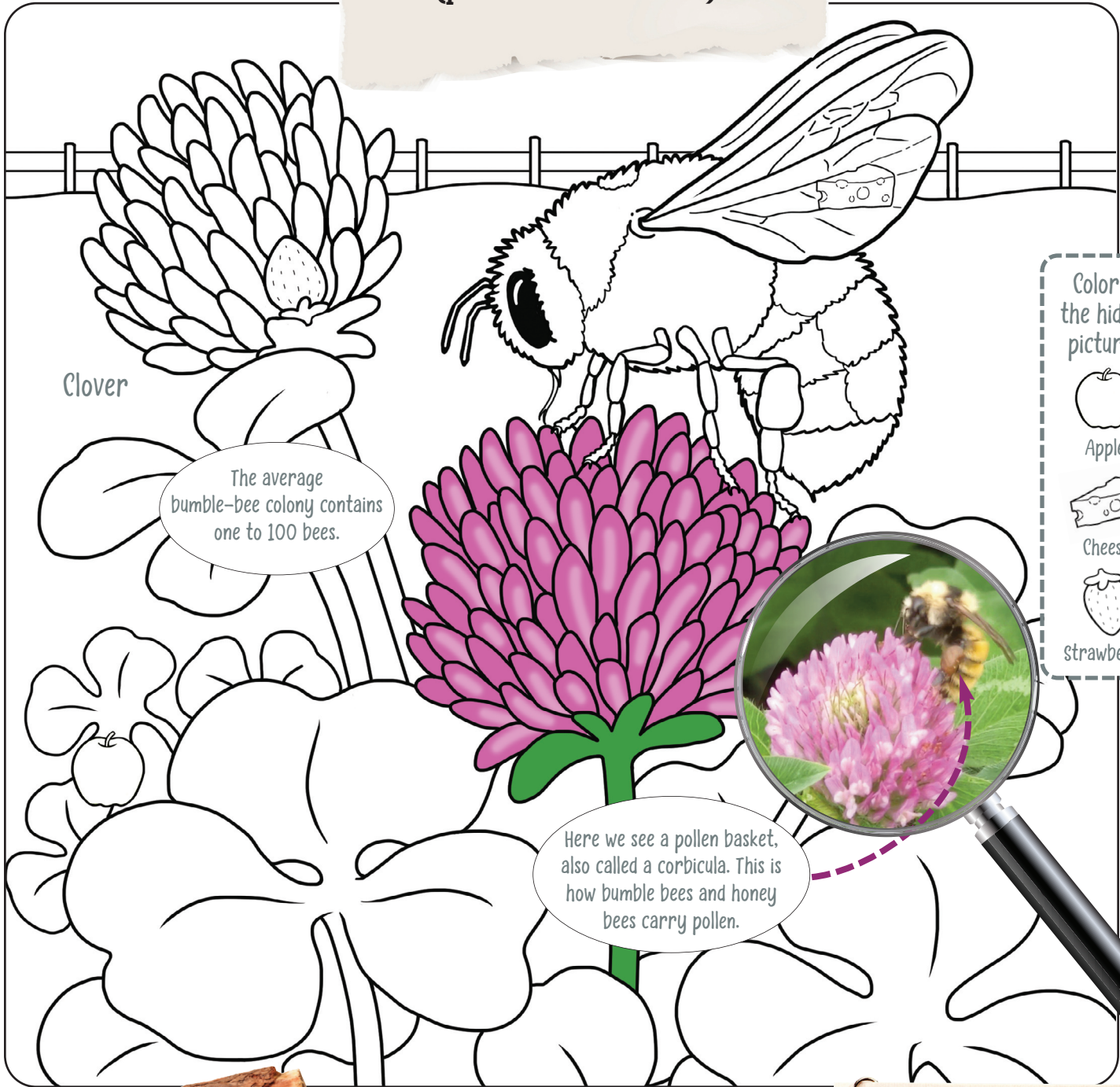
Bumble Bees

Genus: *Bombus*

(pronounced BOM-bus)



Bumble Bee
11 to 23 mm in length



Clover

The average bumble-bee colony contains one to 100 bees.

Here we see a pollen basket, also called a corbicula. This is how bumble bees and honey bees carry pollen.

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Apple



Cheese



Strawberry

Field Notes:

Bumble bees are important pollinators of many wild and **agricultural** plants (plants grown by farmers). Some of the crops they pollinate include cranberries and other berries, apples, tomatoes, peppers and squash. They are large and fuzzy bees, and their bodies are most often colored with a mixture of black, yellow, orange, brown or white hairs. In Oregon they are important pollinators of red clover. Oregon is one of the largest growers of clover seed in the world. Farmers buy the seed to grow clover plants, which are fed to cows and other livestock that give us milk, cheese, yogurt, eggs, meat and more.



A trait of this bee is that it is large. A synonym for large is:

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