Bees are important pollinators of crops and wildflowers in our farms and gardens. You can help wild solitary bees by providing a safe nesting site for them:

(a) This is the deluxe ‘Bee Hotel’. Adjust the size to your local materials. The different layers provide nesting sites for different species of bees. Place in a sheltered area where it will not be disturbed. This will provide a nesting site for many years.
(b) A simple plastic or PVC pipe packed with hollow reeds or bamboo stems of assorted sizes. Hang or tie to tree/fence.
(c) Wooden block or post or old stem/trunk with holes of different sizes drilled in it. Hang or tie in a sheltered area.

Above: Leafcutter bees are some of the solitary bees that will use the Bee Hotel

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