

# Monthly Pollen

June

## Native Pollinator



### Large Mining Bees, *Andrea spp.*

**Description:** May be confused with bumble bees by distinguished by black, relatively hairless abdomen, Large body size: 10-15 mm

**Nesting Requirements:** Ground-nesting, sandy soil. Ground nests may resemble anthills as many bees will nest together in separate cavities. Female mining bees will nest separately.

**Flight Period:** Spring

**Foraging Habitat:** Generalists and specialists

**Social Habits:** Solitary, gentle and non-aggressive

## Native Plant



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### Red Osier Dogwood, *Cornus sericea*

**Description:** Shrub with distinctive red stems and small white clustered flowers, 6'- 15' height

**Bloom Time:** May - August

**Sun Exposure:** Full sun to partial shade

**Native Habitat:** Prefers moist to wet soil, tolerates dry, drought, flooding, alkaline and clay soils

**Value:** Provides food and shelter to over 100 bird species. Specially pollinated by mining bees.

## Garden Tips



### Pollinator Garden Tips!

Mining bees are highly effective pollinators due to their size and buzz pollination technique. Lure them to your garden for increased germination and propagation.

**Nest:** Leave a well drained area of your lawn or garden bare with sandy or silt soil.

**Plant:** A continuous succession of flowering plants or plants with long bloom periods like dogwood.