

# Bee Colorful!



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Yellow-faced bumblebee  
*Bombus vosnesenskii*

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## Fun facts!

- The genus name *Bombus* comes from the Latin word which means 'a buzzing sound'
- Used to pollinate commercial tomatoes in greenhouses

## About the artist



I am Nina Sokolov, a PhD student in the Integrative Biology Department at UC Berkeley. I study diseases in both honey and native bees in California. I want to understand how diseases, like viruses, are impacting bee populations to help conserve them into the future – because they really are important!  
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### The bee species

Yellow-faced bumblebee (*Bombus vosnesenskii*)

### Where they live

Along the west coast of North America (from British Columbia, Canada all the way to Baja, California).

### Where they make their nests

Underground, in old rodent burrows or other naturally made holes in the dirt. They live in colonies that have 200-300 workers and the queen.

### Favorite flowers

Lupines, thistles, buckwheat



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