Ngaro huruhuru o Aotearoa
Native bees of New Zealand



Hairy bees



Leioproctus boltoni (female) · *L. fulvescens (female)* · *L. huakiwi (female)* · *L. hudsoni (female)* · *L. imitatus (female)* · *L.kanapuu (female)* · *L.keehua (female)* · *L. maritimus (female)* · *L. metallicus (female)*

Leioproctus boltoni (male) · *L. fulvescens (male)* · *L. huakiwi (male)* · *L. hudsoni (male)* · *L. imitatus (male)* · *L.kanapuu (male)* · *L.keehua (male)* · *L. maritimus (male)* · *L. metallicus (male)*



L. moticola (female) · *L. nunui (female)* · *L. paahaumaa (female)* · *L. pango (female)* · *L. pekanui (female)* · *L. purureus (female)* · *L. vestitus (female)* · *L. waipaunamu (female)*

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Scale



MASKED BEE
Hylaeus Murihiku – male

HONEY BEE
Apis mellifera – worker

BUMBLE BEE
Bombus ruderatus - worker

Quick facts

- NZ has around 18 species of native bees from the genus *Leioproctus.*
- Each type has their own unique characteristics, but they are all fluffy and so they are commonly called hairy bees (or plasterer bees).
- Mother bees make their nests underground, constructing special nest chambers for baby bees. Sometimes thousands of bees nest alongside each other.
- During the winter months hairy bees they live as baby *bee-grubs* inside their nests and they emerge as fully grown adults in the summer.
- *Leioproctus* carry pollen on their hairy legs. They really love native plants such as Mānuka, Kānuka or Pōhutukawa

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