Critters

1. My eggs can hatch only in dead wood. I lay them in the end of a tree branch. Then I cut through the bark all the way around the branch. This kills the end of the branch and my eggs have all the dead wood they need.

2. I’m active at night and feed using a straw-like tube that I can coil up like a hose. Uncoiled, my feeding tube may be 12 inches (30.5 cm) long.

3. I love to eat honey and beeswax. I can easily spot the beehives that are full of these delights, but I have no way to open the nests.

4. I can eat twice my weight in fruit every night. I chew the fruit, suck out the juices, and then spit out the pulp and seeds.

5. I live in a colony, and all of the members of my colony share the jobs. We take care of the young, collect food, take care of the queen, and defend our nest.

Flora: Pollen mover needed. Will give sweet, energy-packed nectar in exchange for carrying pollen to other flowers. Must bring a long tube to reach the nectar. Call Flora, 555-9377.

Acacia: Desperately need protection from insects and climbing vines. Will provide protein-rich food for your young, a safe home, and nectar in exchange for guard duties. Call Acacia, 555-8733.

Mimosa: Pruning helps me live longer. Can provide safe area for your young to develop in exchange for cutting off the ends of my branches. Call Mimosa, 555-6672.

Melly Ratel: Extremely strong individual seeks partner to help locate nests of wild bees. Will rip open nests and share the contents in exchange for guide services. Call Melly Ratel, 555-2473.

Mr. Pits: Seeking individual to spread seeds around the forest. Offering juicy fruit in exchange for delivery services. Call Mr. Pits, 555-1234.

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