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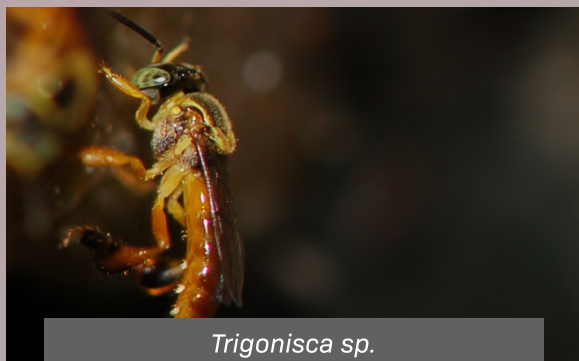
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Trigona amalthea

Common name: Pegone

This bee may bite if disturbed. It forms a large colony and produces large volumes of honey.



Trigonisca sp.

These are small bees, not known to be managed in boxes locally.

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MELIPONINI OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



The Meliponini, or stingless bees, comprise 60 genera and almost 500 species globally. Many of these bees are important pollinators and they are found in most tropical and subtropical regions of the world.

In Trinidad and Tobago, eleven species of stingless bees have been recorded. This brochure provides a simple guide to the Meliponini species of Trinidad and Tobago.



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Cephalotrigona capitata

Colonies are generally found in large trees with wide hollows and thick walls. This bee produces honey which is high in acidity with little sweetness



Lestrimelitta spinosa

Like *L. limao*, this bee is called a robber bee (cleptoparasitic) as it robs the hives of other bee species to obtain protein for its diet.



Nanotrigona testaceicornis

Common name: Irai

This bee is often found nesting in brick walls. It is not a significant honey producer.



Frieseomelitta paupera

Common name: Petit angel

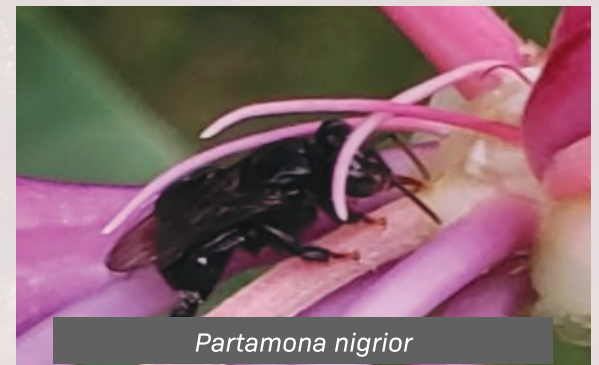
This bee is said to be a main pollinator of avocado. It produces about 90ml of honey annually.



Melipona favosa

Common name: Erik or Moko chiquita

This *Melipona* species is found more commonly in Tobago.



Partamona nigrrior

Common name: Petit pegone

This species builds nests on walls and produces a very sweet honey. It has not been boxed successfully in Trinidad.



Lestrimelitta limao

Common name: Lemon cab

Honey from this hive is toxic and should not be consumed. Hive has a saxophone shape.



Melipona trinitatis

Common name: Guanot or Moko grande

A popular species managed in artificial hives in Trinidad. Produces about 2 litres of honey annually.



Plebeia sp. and *Plebeia tobagoensis*

Common name: Sugar bag (Tobago)

Plebeia sp. is a small bee; The species *P. tobagoensis* is found mainly in Tobago.