

IF YOU PLANT IT, THEY WILL COME!



Try This Easy-to-Grow California Native: Western Redbud

Favorite foods: Nectar & Pollen

Favorite garden plant: Western Redbud

Cerces occidentalis



LEAF-CUTTER BEE

What do you notice about this insect?

What do you wonder about this insect?

What does it remind you of?

One of many native **solitary bees** that visit the garden, this one can out-pollinate a honeybee 20-1! She is quite passive with no colony to defend. Using her large jaws, a female chews perfectly round crescents from Redbud leaves in Fall to line individual cells of her cavity nest.

See Leaf-cutter Bees in the garden: Spring – Fall