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BLUE-BANDED BEE
Amegilla chlorocycanea
Some blue-banded bees have white, yellow or pale green stripes instead of blue. They use "buzz pollination" which means they shake a flower to collect pollen.

BANKSIA BEE
Hylaeus alcyoneus
Banksia bees have metallic blue abdomens and yellow face markings and love to feed on Banksia flowers.

WAROONA CUCKOO BEE
Thyreus waroonensis
These bees are black with white spots and are called cuckoo bees as lay their eggs in the nests of blue-banded bees. The cuckoo bee's eggs hatch first and then eat the nectar and pollen placed in the nest by the female blue-banded bee.

HOMOLICTUS BEE
Homolictus urbanus
These little bees come in shades of blue, golden green and orange. They have been known to share nesting burrows and carry the pollen they collect on fine hairs underneath their abdomen.

LEAFCUTTER BEE
Megachilidae
If you ever see neat circles or ovals cut into your leaves at home, you may have a resident leafcutter bee. These black and white bees carry these pieces of leaf back to their nest and weave them into a cradle inside to lay their eggs in.

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