



2023 Bee Collectors' List

Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

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Monterey Bay Beekeepers	http://montereybaybeekeepers.org/		

Warm weather causes honeybees to leave their hives in search of new nesting sites. The month of April is peak swarming season. If you see a cloud of bees flying or a bunch of bees resting on a tree branch, these are bees from an overcrowded hive looking for a suitable cavity to use as a home.

If a swarm settles on your property in an exposed location, they will probably leave the next warm day in search of a better site. If they have moved into your wall, they are not likely to leave. It is usually necessary to call a structural pest control company to remove them. Swarms are less aggressive than established colonies that have a home to defend. Swarms and colonies should not be disturbed and homeowners should not try to remove the bees without some help. The beekeepers above may be interested in collecting the bees. Some may charge for this service, but others do not.