

# Beneficial Bug Boot Camp Exam – Blue Orchard Mason Bees

YOUR NAME

GARDEN CENTER NAME

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

YOUR PHONE NUMBER

YOUR ADDRESS (THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT US TO SHIP YOUR "BUG MASTER" PIN AND CERTIFICATE AFTER YOU'VE PASSED ALL FIVE TESTS)

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1. Mason Bees are a solitary bee, they do not produce honey and are not aggressive towards humans or animals  
 True  False
2. Mason Bees are 1/3 inch long and are a dark iridescent  blue  orange  yellow with hairy bodies. The male mason bees have a small white "mustache" on their face and are  bigger  smaller than the females and have no stinger.
3. Like the honeybee, Mason Bees are pollinators. In fact, Mason Bees are very beneficial because they are considered hyper pollinators and one mason bee can do the work of  2  12  120 honey bees.
4. Mason Bees can be used at the beginning of  fall  spring  summer when it's too cold for the honey bees to come out.
5. When laying eggs, the female will start by going to the  front  back of the tube laying an egg, depositing some pollen and nectar for food, and building a wall using mud and saliva creating a cell for each egg. The mason bee will produce  males  females first placing them in the back of the tube.
6. The larvae will spend fall and winter in their cocoon and the adults will emerge in early  spring  summer.
7. The Mason Bee Habitat is used to  repel  attract the mason bees to your customer's garden. It contains the mason bee habitat, tubes, mounting hardware and instructions on how and where to mount the nest.
8. The Mason Bee Starter Kit supplies your customers with everything they need to get started: mason bee habitat, Blue Orchard Mason Bee Book, 6 live bee cocoons shipped in a paper tube.  True  False



## Submitting your test for grading

Once you've completed ALL FIVE TESTS, please scan (or take a clear picture of) them and email them to [bugmaster@organiccontrol.com](mailto:bugmaster@organiccontrol.com). Or fax your finished sheets to (310) 830-3025. Your test results will be emailed to you at the email address you've supplied above. Complete all 5 tests successfully and you'll become an official **BUG MASTER** with a certificate and an apron pin to wear with pride.