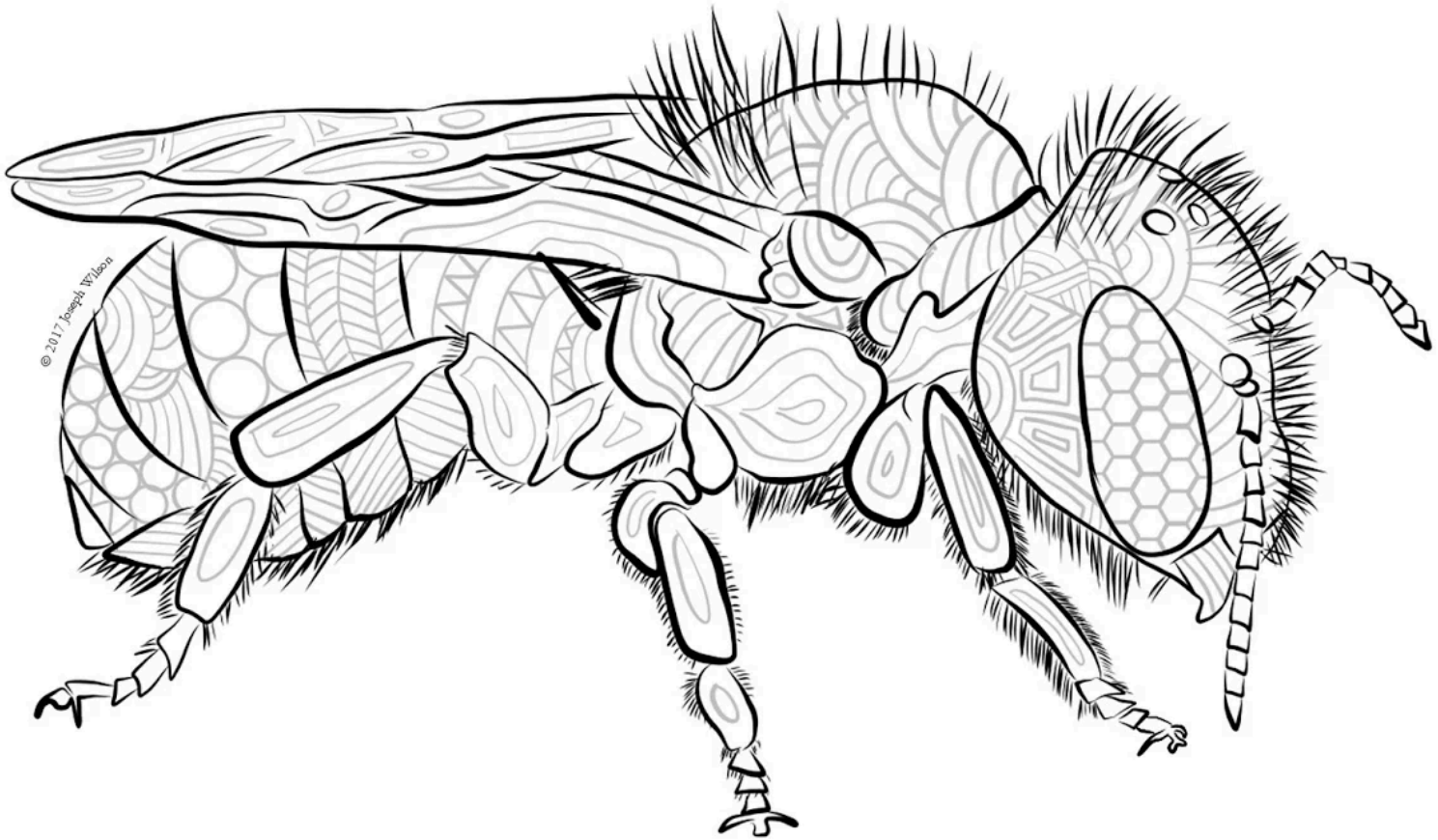
Mason Bee (Osmia)



The genus *Osmia* includes some of the most economically important bees in North America, responsible for pollinating many orchards and fruit crops, and for picking up the slack when honey bees fall short. Some species will build nests entirely from mud, thus earning them the common name 'Mason Bees'. To learn more about mason bees and their relatives, check out "**The bees in your Backyard**" by Joseph Wilson and Olivia Carril.