

LEAF CUTTER BEE

These solitary bees do not live in colonies and the females cut neat semi-circular to oblong pieces out of leaf edges of roses, laburnums, lilacs, privet and other ornamental plants during the summer.

Damage to the plant is minimal, but to us it can cause concern.

The cut pieces of leaves are used to make cells for the eggs to be laid in later on.

There is no treatment to recommend as the benefit of pollination activity of the bees far outweighs the damage caused.