

# BEYOND

## *The Threat of Toxics*

*Seek simple justice  
for water, bird,  
breath and bee--*

*The native bee is the world's most ardent cupid, nuzzling intimately among the flowers to carry messages of love from one blossom to another—pollen that is pregnant with nature's essential reproductive spark.*

It is the bee's amorous work that creates the ecosystem as we know it. Without bees, 85% of all trees and flowers will not produce the flowers, fruit and seeds needed to create the next generation of plant life.

Native bees are the world's bedrock species. They are essential to the way an ecosystem functions. Should bees disappear, other species in the habitat will become extinct.

Once abundant throughout North America, the 50 species of native American bees are disappearing. Native bees labor under these ominous labels: critically endangered, threatened, vulnerable, precipitously declining.

The effects of climate change will further exacerbate their peril.

We must take action for the bees and for the balance of the ecosystems that support all life.

Help us  
**Save  
Oregon's  
Bees!**

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