

Utah is home to more bee species than most states in the United States | Biology

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A bee seeks pollen from a wildflower in Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. USU researchers say Utah is home to more bee species than most states in the United States. Credit: Joe Wilson.

The state of Utah's nickname is "The Beehive State," and the moniker couldn't be more apt, say Utah State University scientists. One out of every four bee species in the United States is found in Utah and the arid, western state is home to more bee species than most states in the nation. About half of those species dwell within the original boundaries of the newly reduced Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

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