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**Walsh's Anthophora
*Anthophora walshii***

State Status: **None**
Federal Status: **None**

DESCRIPTION: Walsh's Anthophora is a native bee, with golden hairs on its head, thorax, and anterior part of its abdomen. The rest of the abdomen is striped with black and cream. As for many native bees, consultation of a technical manual is needed for accurate identification. For a complete description of male and female Walsh's Anthophora, see:
<http://www.discoverlife.org/20/q?search=Anthophora+walsinii>

HABITAT: In Massachusetts, Walsh's Anthophora is known from one grassland opening in a Pitch Pine/Scrub Oak barrens, where it was reported visiting Wild Indigo (*Baptisia tinctora*).

LIFE HISTORY: Very little is known about the life history of Walsh's Anthophora, though it is presumed to have a life history similar to its congeners. The flight period is August.

GEOGRAPHIC RANGE: Kansas to New England, though very few records exist for New England.

STATUS AND THREATS: Threats to Walsh's Anthophora include off-road vehicles and habitat loss due to fire exclusion and inadequate habitat management.

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