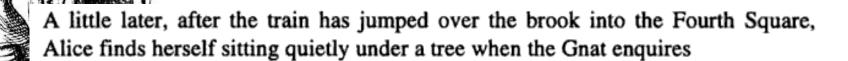
Course Intro ...



" - then you don't like all insects?" the Gnat went on, as quietly as if nothing had happened.

"I like them when they can talk," Alice said.

"None of them ever talk, where I come from".

"What sort of insects do you rejoice in, where you come from?" the Gnat inquired.

"I don't rejoice in insects at all", Alice explained "But I can tell you the names of some of them."

"Of course they answer to their names?" the Gnat remarked carelessly.

"I never knew them to do it."

"What's the use of their having names," the Gnat said,

"if they won't answer to them?"

"No use to them," said Alice; "but its useful to the people that name them, I suppose. If not, why do things have names at all?"

Through the Looking-Glass Lewis Carroll (1872)

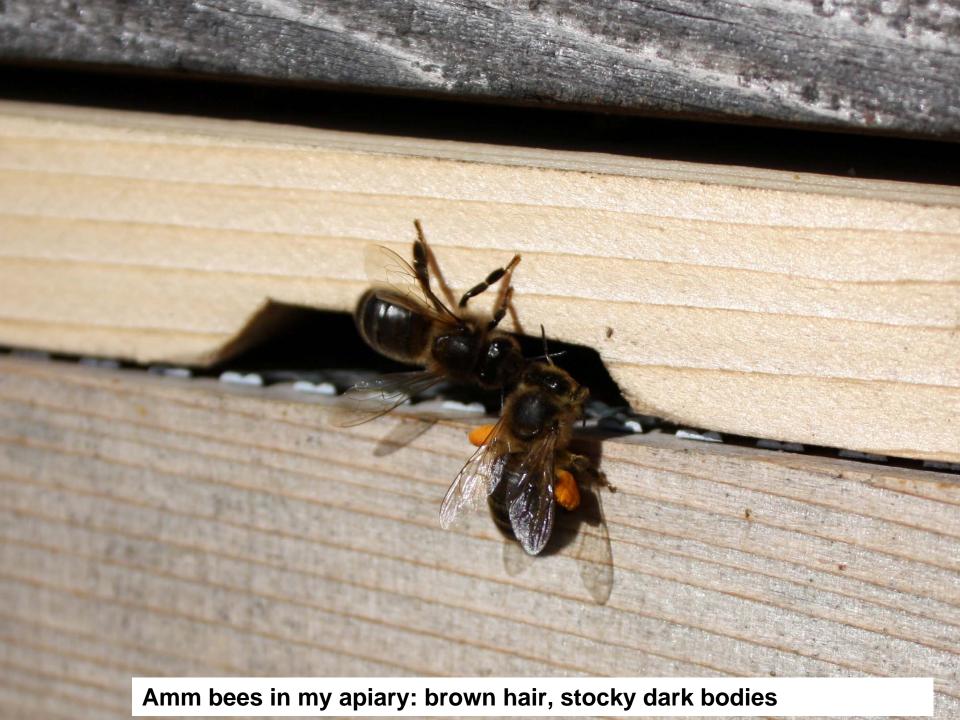


Carniolans: dark bodies with pale hair, slender, broad stripes of tomentum on the abdomens





Apis mellifera mellifera, Irish native honeybees, posted on a forum by Keith Pierce





Buckfast: a bred strain, clear grey tomentum bands, orange stripes, pale hairs

... apart from learning some names

Some aspirations for the day:

- Raising good queens
- Some principles
- What makes a good bee?
- Can we breed for diseases and pests?
- How can we measure purity of races?
- Conserving our native bee where can we go?