



How to recognise a swarm

When bees swarm, they will gather in a ten to twenty meter area and will try to cluster on a branch, bush or building. This will continue for an hour or so, but they will eventually settle down and the large hanging cluster of bees will be clearly visible - this is a swarm.

What will a swarm do

In this state a beekeeper may be able to collect them. A swarm is usually a temporary phenomenon as the bees will be sending out scouts to look for a permanent home. When a new home is found, usually within 48 hours, the bees will fly off to start a new colony.

For further detailed information on swarms visit the website of the British Beekeepers' Association by clicking on the following link.

[British Beekeepers' Association Swarm Advice](#)

Swarm Collection

If you live in East Suffolk contact a local beekeeper or the Leiston and district Beekeepers Association secretary for advice.

We do not deal with Bumble Bees or Wasp nests.

As all our members are hobby beekeepers we would expect payment for expenses.

Not all swarms can be collected and beekeepers would be helping as your agent on your property no liability for damage or other claims will be accepted.