

BEES, HONEY AND MEAD¹

This is an interview with Petr Hájek. Mr. Hájek is a beekeeper².

How old are bees as a species?

Bees as a species are 50 million years old.

Why do people keep bees also in cities now?

They do it, because there are tall trees in cities. Prague 6, for example, has many nice and tall trees in Stromovka and Bubeneč. They have blossoms³ **full of** nectar.



Are bee clusters dangerous⁴?

No, they're not. Call a beekeeper, don't call firemen⁵. Bees are not dangerous in clusters, because they are **very busy**. They are carrying⁶ honey and are **looking for** a home.

Is honey from cities healthy⁷?

Bees filter⁸ bad things from city trees. So honey from a city can be very good and healthy.

Is it difficult to make good mead?

No, it's not. But it's important to make a lot of it. It's **the same** with wine.

Vocabulary: ¹medovina | ²včelař | ³květ | ⁴nebezpečný | ⁵hasiči | ⁶nosit | ⁷zdravý | ⁸filtrovat

Language notes: as a species=jako živočišný druh | keep bees=chovat včely | full of=plný (čeho) | bee cluster=včelí roj | very busy=velmi zaneprázdněný | look for=hledat | the same=totéž

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