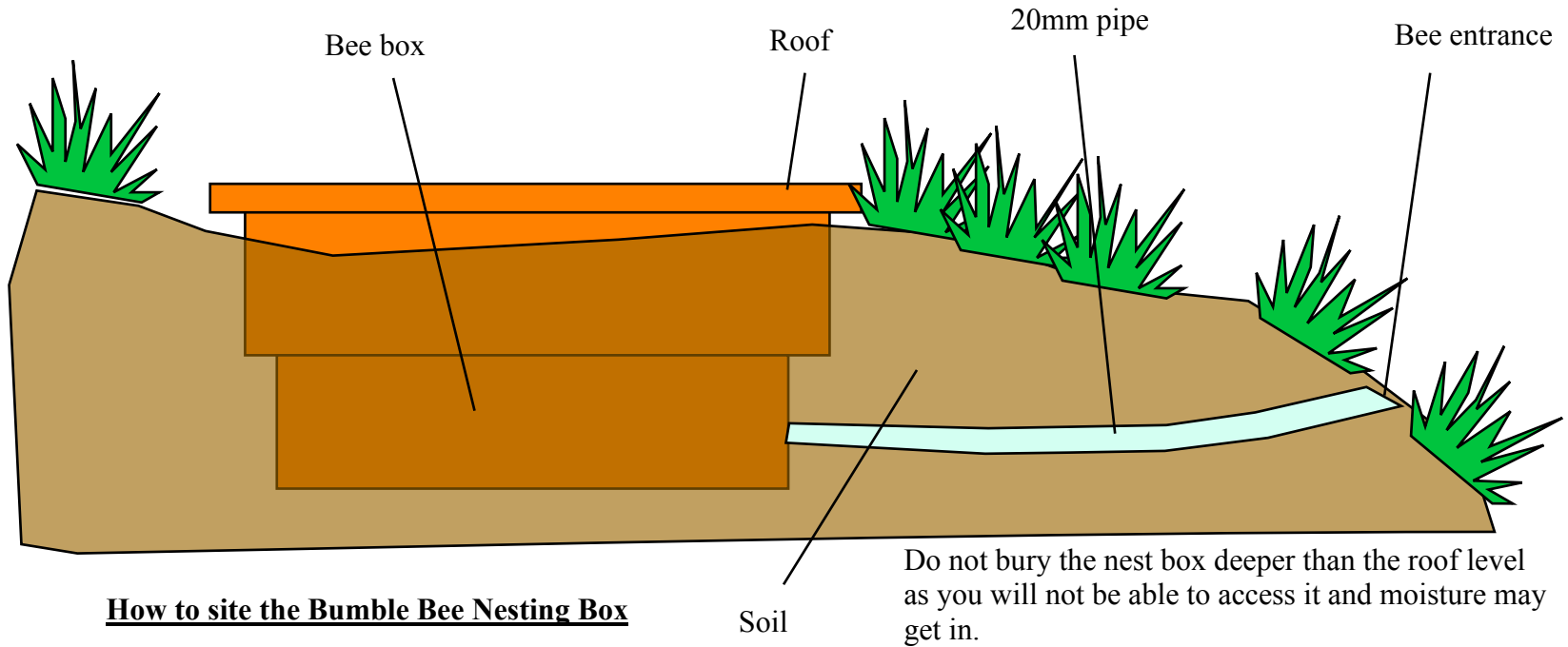


Quest for the Good Life - Bumble Bee Nesting Box

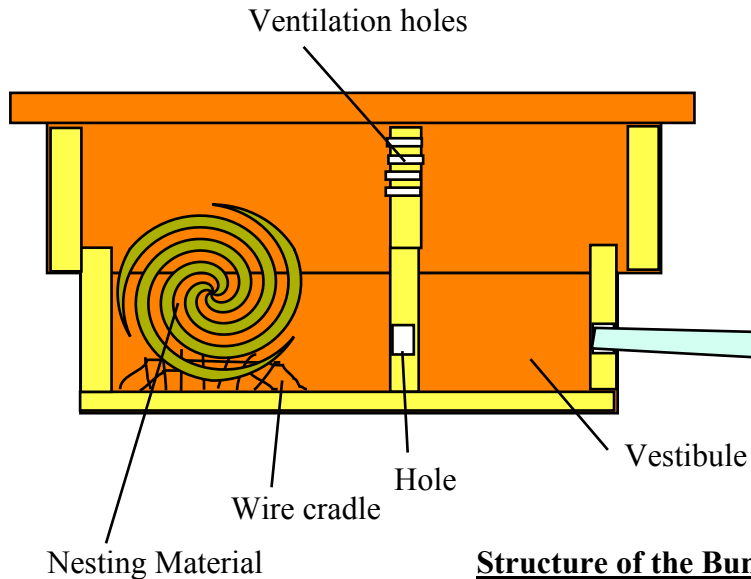
The Bumble Bee Nest box includes a pre-made nest box with removable lid, a length of tube which needs to be placed in the entrance hole, a wire cradle in the nesting chamber and some bedding.

Make sure the bedding is on the cradle and firmly placed in the nesting chamber (one furthest from the outside hole). If you have any mouse or hamster dirty bedding place it in with it. Make sure the holes are clear then place the roof and screw down tightly. Put the box in the dug out hole and lay the tube flat to the edge of the mound or bank. You could put gravel under and around the box to keep excessive moisture drained away.



How to site the Bumble Bee Nesting Box

Do not bury the nest box deeper than the roof level as you will not be able to access it and moisture may get in.



Structure of the Bumble Bee Nest Box

The 30cm long (20mm diameter) pipe enters the box. The first "room" is the vestibule. An open, empty area that the bee uses as a toilet. There is another hole going through into the nesting chamber. Here wire mesh holds the bedding up off the damp floor. Bees do not take their own bedding material into the nest so they must have something already there to use. They may naturally use old mice nests so if you have any old mouse or hamster bedding (used) it could give you a flying start. Do not set the entrance pipe so it goes upwards. The Bees find it slippery and it may allow more water down it. There are small holes in the pipe to let moisture out and give some grip.

