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The exotic hairy-footed flower bee, *Anthophora plumipes* (Apidae), is a species of bee that mimics bumble bees and feeds on nectar and pollen from azaleas and other early-flowering plants. Image by Mike Raupp, University of Maryland.

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