



- There are over 24 species of bumblebee in Great Britain and Ireland
- Bees are important pollinators
- Many bees are threatened by habitat loss
- Operation Pollinator provides advice to create habitats for pollinating insects



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Social Bumblebee Identification

Garden Bumblebee
Bombus hortorum

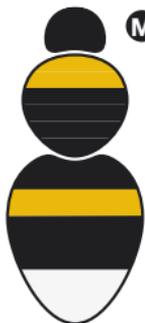


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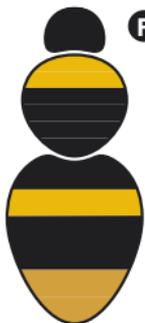


Large species and variable but nearly always some yellow hairs on second abdominal segment.

Buff-tailed Bumblebee
Bombus terrestris



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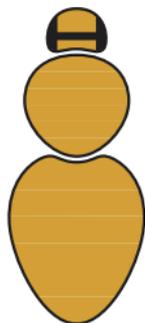


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Large species. Tail colour variable from white to dark buff. White-tailed workers cannot be reliably separated from *B. lucorum* group.

Common Garden Bumblebee
Bombus pascuorum



M+F



Very variable in amount of black hairs. Always some black hairs on the abdomen.

Red-tailed Bumblebee
Bombus lapidarius



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Amount of yellow in males variable but always with yellow facial hairs. Darker and more red on tail than *B. pratorum*.

Tree Bumblebee
Bombus hypnorum

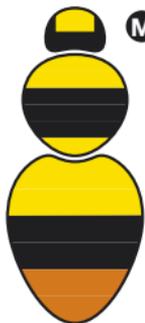


M+F



Recent and expanding colonist. Small species, very variable, some all black with white tails.

Early Bumblebee
Bombus pratorum



M



F



Small species. Very variable in the amount of yellow on both sexes but males generally have more yellow and yellow facial hairs.

M Male F Female

Yellow head shape as long as wide

Reddish-brown head shape longer than wide

Brown head shape very much longer than wide