

Southern cuckoo bumblebee *Bombus vestalis*



Step 1. Is it a cuckoo bumblebee – check for absence of ‘pollen baskets’

Step 2. Is it a male – length of antennae and structure at tip of abdomen

Step 3. Does the white tail have yellow ‘side-flashes’?

Step 4 – look at the antennae...

Segment 5 is equal to the combined length of 3 and 4. A good photograph is essential!

Photo Nick Owens/Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Usual host: Buff-tailed bumblebee *Bombus terrestris* (queen)

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