The Big8 UK bumblebees

**Buff-tailed bumblebee**

Queens are very large. The queen’s tail is blonde, but worker and male tails are white, with a thin blonde edge.

**White-tailed bumblebee**

Queens and workers have a clean white tail and two lemon-yellow bands. The males have more yellow hair, and have yellow tufts of hair on the head and face.

**Early bumblebee**

The queens and males have two clear yellow bands, but workers often only have one. The tail is red.

**Red-tailed bumblebee**

The queens and workers are completely black, except for a dark red tail. The males look similar, but have some yellow hair.
Common carder bee

This bee is mostly brown or ginger and sometimes has thin black bands. Queens, workers and males all look very similar.

Queen/worker/male

Garden bumblebee

This bee has three yellow bands on its body, with a clean white tail. The queen, workers and males all appear similar. It has a longer face than other bumblebees.

Queen/worker/male

Tree bumblebee

The Tree bumblebee is a new arrival to the UK. It can be found in most of England and Wales, but not in Scotland and Ireland. It is the only one of our bees to have a ginger and black body, with a white tail. It usually nests above ground, often in bird boxes and trees.

Queen/worker/male

Heath bumblebee

The Heath bumblebee is similar to the Garden bumblebee, which also has three yellow stripes and a white tail. However, the face of the Heath bumblebee is more round than that of the Garden bumblebee.

Queen/worker/male