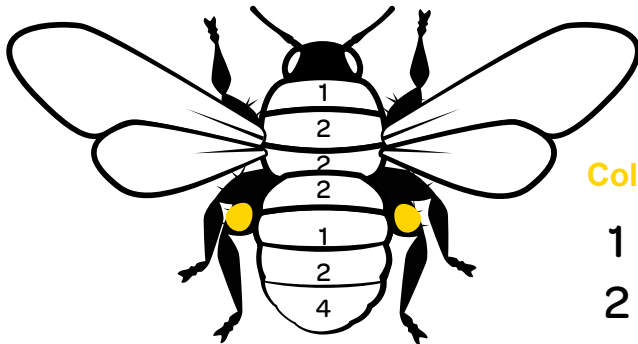


Have you ever seen different coloured bumblebees?

These are different types (species).

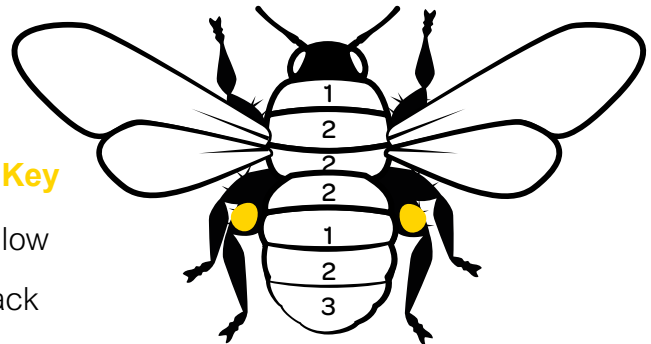
Colour in these bumblebees (using the colour key) to see some differences.



White-tailed bumblebee

Colour Key

- 1 yellow
- 2 black
- 3 red
- 4 white



Early bumblebee

Bumblebee Facts

- Bumblebees are a type of **insect** – a small animal with six legs (and no bones – **skeleton**).
- Bumblebees have hair on their bodies to keep them warm.
- Bumblebees live in nests in the ground or in piles of old leaves.
- Each nest has a mother bee (the **queen**), lots of daughter bees (**workers**) and a few sons (**drones**).
- In winter, all the bees die except the queens who sleep (**hibernate**) through the cold weather.
- In the spring, the queens wake up and go looking for a nest. Then they lay eggs to start a new family (a **colony**).
- Only female bumblebees can sting, but they hardly ever do – unless you frighten them.

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Can you find these words in the puzzle?

insect

buzz

worker

nest

hibernate

drone

fur

tongue

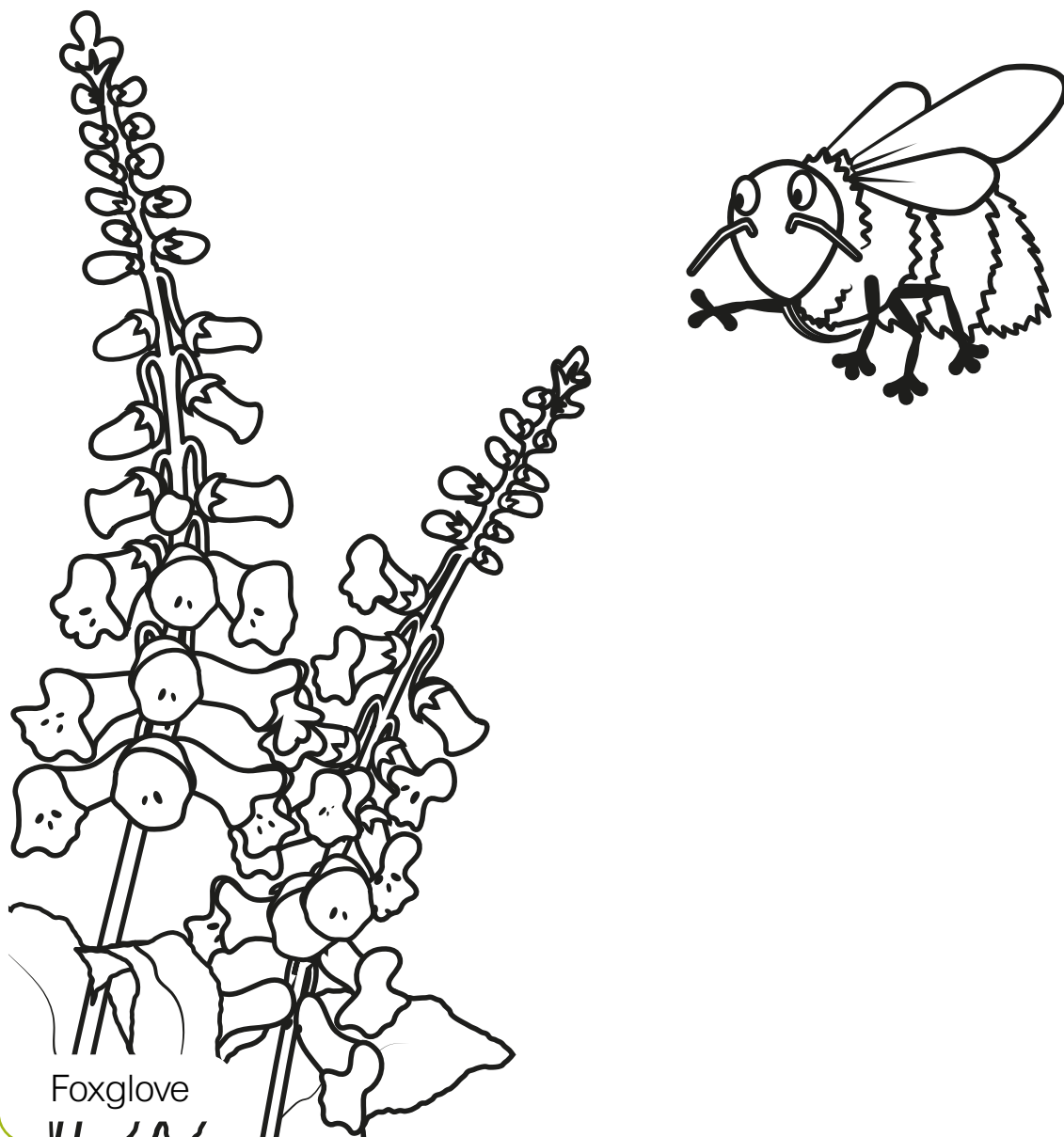
wings

queen



You can really help bumblebees by planting flowers at school or at home.

Add some flowers and bumblebees to this picture and colour it in.



Foxglove

Here are some more bumblebee-friendly flowers you could add:



Coneflower



Dahlia



Nasturtium



Michaelmas
daisy



Red clover