

WHITE-TAILED BUMBLEBEE

POLLIN8



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Scientific name: *Bombus lucorum*

FACT FILE

The 'classic' bumblebee with two lemon-yellow stripes and a bright white tail. A common species, found in a wide range of habitats. Workers are almost indistinguishable from Buff-tailed bumblebees, and together they're known informally as BLT. This short-tongued species enjoys knapweed, thistle and clover.

LENGTH 2cm

STRIPES 3

COLOURS 3

TONGUE Short

FOUND Common

CARDER BUMBLEBEE

100%
POLLINATOR



Scientific name: *Bombus pascuorum*

FACT FILE

The Common carder bee is the UK's only widespread all-ginger bumblebee. It is the earliest of the carders to emerge in spring, and usually the latest-flying bumblebee from summer nests. Carder bumblebees have 'shaggy' hair compared to the Moss carder bumblebees' velvety buzz-cut.

LENGTH 1.3cm

STRIPES 0

COLOURS 1

TONGUE Long

FOUND Common

BUFF-TAILED BUMBLEBEE

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Scientific name: *Bombus terrestris*

FACT FILE

The Buff-tailed bumblebee is the UK's biggest bumblebee. The queen's yellow, tea-stained tail tells her apart from the similar looking White-tailed bumblebee. If it comes across a flower too deep for its tongue, it will bite a small hole at the base and suck out the nectar - known as nectar robbing!

LENGTH 2.1cm

STRIPES 3

COLOURS 3

TONGUE Short

STATUS Common

GARDEN BUMBLEBEE

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Scientific name: *Bombus hortorum*

FACT FILE

The Garden bumblebee has the longest tongue of any bumblebee species in the world. It can stretch to 2cm, almost the size of its own body! It has three yellow stripes, a white tail and a long, thin face. Because of its long tongue, it favours tubular flowers like foxglove.

LENGTH 1.9cm

STRIPES 4

COLOURS 3

TONGUE Long

STATUS Common

RED-TAILED BUMBLEBEE

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Scientific name: *Bombus lapidarius*

FACT FILE

An abundant species, found in a wide range of habitats across the UK. Queens and workers are jet-black, with a bright red tail. Males have a yellow moustache and two yellow stripes. Red-tailed bumblebees nest underground, typically in old mouse and vole holes.

LENGTH 2.2cm

STRIPES 1

COLOURS 2

TONGUE Medium

STATUS Common

HEATH BUMBLEBEE

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Scientific name: *Bombus jonellus*

FACT FILE

Heath bumblebees can be found in most habitats but are most abundant in acid areas on moorland and heath, hence its name. It has a similar stripe pattern to the Garden bumblebee, but this small, fluffy bumblebee has a round face, whereas the Garden bumblebees' is long.

LENGTH 1.4cm

STRIPES 4

COLOURS 3

TONGUE Short

STATUS Common

EARLY BUMBLEBEE

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Scientific name: *Bombus pratorum*

FACT FILE

The Early bumblebee is the UK's smallest bumblebee. It has a bright orange tail and lemon yellow stripes. It is so called as it is one of the first to emerge in spring. It is an important pollinator of soft fruits including raspberry and blackberry. Workers emerge silvery-white before changing to their normal colour.

LENGTH 1.7cm

STRIPES 3

COLOURS 3

TONGUE Short

STATUS Common

TREE BUMBLEBEE

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Scientific name: *Bombus hypnorum*

FACT FILE

First arriving in the UK in 2001, the Tree bumblebee is now widespread and found in woodlands and gardens. It nests in tree holes and bird boxes. In spring, males can be seen 'swarming' outside nest entrances, waiting for new queens to emerge from the nest to mate with.

LENGTH 1.5cm

STRIPES 2

COLOURS 3

TONGUE Short

STATUS Common