

- 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







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

Buff-tailed Bumblebee Bombus terrestris





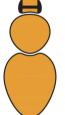
Large species, Tail colour variable from white to dark buff White-tailed workers cannot be reliably separated from B lucorum group.

Common Garden Bumblebee Bombus pascuorum





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



Tree Bumblebee Bombus hypnorum





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

Red-tailed Bumblebee Bombus lapidarius





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

Early Bumblebee Bombus pratorum







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







Head shape as long as wide



Head shape longer than wide



Head shape very much longer than wide