

Bumblebees in the Bathscape

You may have noticed lots of bumblebees around at the moment. But did you know there are 24 species of bumblebee in the UK? Here we are featuring seven of the more common ones. During April, you're likely to see the queen bees, having emerged from hibernation, looking for suitable nests.

Red tailed bumblebee



Mike Williams

Common carder bee



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Buff tailed bumblebee



Gail Hampshire

White tailed bumblebee



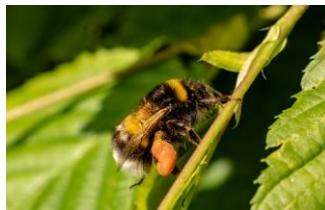
Ljus Jordhumla

Early bumblebee



Mike Williams

Garden bumblebee



Tree bumblebee



David Short

Have a look in your garden, local open space or window box then you might like to do one or all of these:

- have a go at identifying which one you've seen
- let us know that you've seen it
- record the sighting on the [BRERC Bathscape](#) page, and help us monitor numbers over the years
- you can also add them to the BRLSI [sightings page](#), where local experts can help you with identification
- use the [iNaturalist](#) or [iRecord](#) apps to help you (if you've managed to get a photo) and to record what you've seen.

These seven species are those highlighted by Prof Dave Goulson in this great [video](#) (How to Identify common bumblebee species) which gives more information and guidance on how to tell them apart. This [handy guide](#) by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust will also help.

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