



Buff-tailed Bumblebee



Common Carder Bumblebee



Early Bumblebee



Garden Bumblebee



Red-tailed Bumblebee



White-tailed Bumblebee

<p>Buff-tailed Bumblebee <i>Bombus terrestris</i></p>	<p>Is very similar to the white-tailed bumblebee but has duller yellow bands and a buff coloured 'tail' instead of a bright white one.</p>
<p>Common Carder Bumblebee <i>Bombus pascuorum</i></p>	<p>A common brown / orange bumblebee, abundant everywhere.</p>
<p>Early Bumblebee <i>Bombus pratorum</i></p>	<p>Is a small, shaggy long-haired bumblebee with one or two yellow bands and an orange-red 'tail'. As colonies are short-lived it is rarely seen from July onwards. Males have a yellow face.</p>
<p>Garden Bumblebee <i>Bombus hortorum</i></p>	<p>The garden bumblebee is a black and yellow bumblebee with a white 'tail' and a tongue that is as long as its body. This species has a longer head and slimmer body compared to the other bumblebees.</p>
<p>Red-tailed Bumblebee <i>Bombus lapidarius</i></p>	<p>The red-tailed bumblebee is a large, black bumblebee with an orange-red 'tail'. Males have a yellow face.</p>
<p>White-tailed Bumblebee <i>Bombus lucorum</i></p>	<p>The white-tailed bumblebee has a black face and two lemon-yellow bands across the body. Their characteristic feature is their pure white 'tail'.</p>

These are our six most common bumblebees, know as 'the big six', they can be found in parks and gardens.

It is very easy to get recording and help your local biodiversity; tell us what you have seen and where you saw it!

To submit a record you need to tell us:

- What you saw
- When you saw it (date and time)
- Where you saw it (grid reference if you know)
- How many you saw
- Who you are (name and contacts)

You can find your location as a grid reference easily by visiting www.gridreference.ie and zooming in on the map.

Remember, your photographs can count as records too. If you find something and don't know what it is you can send us your photographs.

Please submit your records to your Biodiversity Officer, who you can contact through your local Council or click on

www.biodiversityni.com

For more information on recording in Northern Ireland, contact the Centre for Environmental Data and Recording (CEDaR) www.nmni.com/cedar

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