



Buff-tailed Bumblebee



Common Carder Bumblebee



Early Bumblebee



Garden Bumblebee



Red-tailed Bumblebee



White-tailed Bumblebee

<p><b>Buff-tailed Bumblebee</b> <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><b>Common Carder Bumblebee</b> <i>Bombus pascuorum</i></p>	<p>A common brown / orange bumblebee, abundant everywhere.</p>
<p><b>Early Bumblebee</b> <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><b>Garden Bumblebee</b> <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><b>Red-tailed Bumblebee</b> <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><b>White-tailed Bumblebee</b> <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](http://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](http://www.biodiversityni.com)**

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

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