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Nature Action Pack



Listen to nature checklist

This Organic September, let's listen to nature! What can you hear and see when you're outside?

Tick what you hear or see:



☐ Bird



☐ Flower



☐ Puddle



☐ Twig



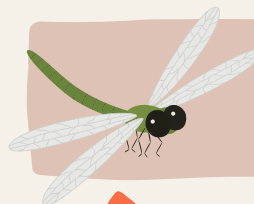
☐ Bee



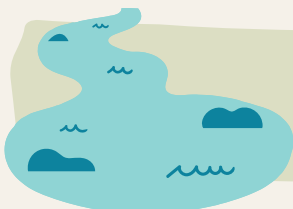
☐ Fox



☐ Acorn



☐ Insect



☐ River



☐ Crunchy leaves

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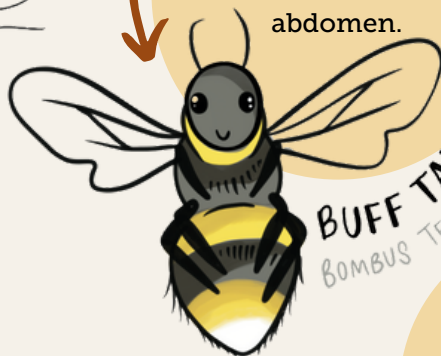


A guide to British bees

Did you know that there are over 250 species of bee in the UK? Use this bee-spotting guide to identify which ones are buzzing around in your garden, local park, or allotment.



Slim, sandy thorax and black abdomen with golden-amber bands.



Large species with dark yellow bands at the front of the thorax and middle of the abdomen.



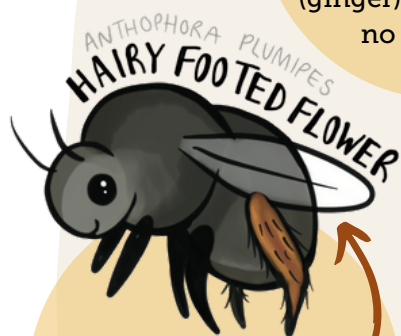
Identified by their ginger thorax, black abdomen and white tail.



These big fluffy bees are the only UK species with all-brown (ginger) colouring and no white tail.



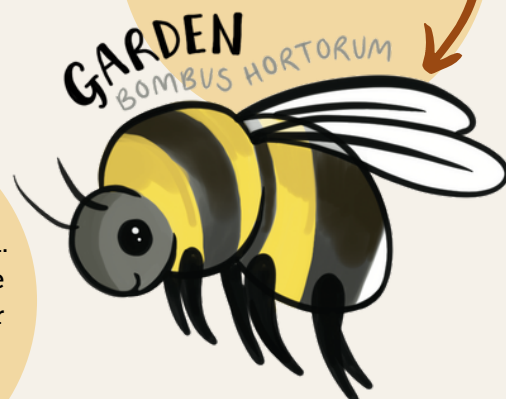
Yellow and black bands and an orange tail. Small size. Males also have yellow facial hair.



Black with yellowish legs. Males are brown with a pale face and hair plumes on their middle legs.



Yellow spots along abdomen. Males also have prongs on their rear.



Yellow-black-yellow thorax, a yellow band at the base of the abdomen, and a pure white tail.

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How to create a wildlife haven at home

Around 87% of UK households have a garden. That's over 10 million acres, which is larger than all of Britain's nature reserves combined! Just think of the nature we could attract to these spaces if we all made a change. Even a small increase in bee-friendly organic habitats can boost bee numbers by a third.

No garden? No problem! Try planting in pots, windowsill growing or planting in your local community garden.

Let your lawn grow a little wild

Long grass provides a home for nesting butterflies and lets wildflowers flourish, providing nectar for bees and other pollinators.



Make a hedgehog hole

Small gaps cut into fences allow creatures to pass from garden to garden, expanding the habitats of garden wildlife.



Give help to birds

You can help birds in your garden by adding boxes, baths and feeders to keep birds warm over winter.



Say no to pesticides

Pesticides cause serious harm to nature and wildlife. Protect nature by gardening with organic principles in mind.



Construct insect hotels

These provide a refuge for all kinds of creatures, including bees, beetles and spiders - boosting the biodiversity of outside spaces.



Interested in other ways to help nature? For more info visit soilassociation.org/organic-september

We'd love to see how you've created a wildlife haven at home!
Share your photos with us on social media

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This Organic September, let's listen to nature. Organic farms are havens for wildlife. Did you know that on average, plant, insect and bird life is 50% more abundant on organic farms?



Show your support and give nature a voice by writing your own message on this placard and displaying it in your window at home or in your local community.

Why not share your design with us on social media? **Tag @soilassociation**
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Colour in this sheet and write your own messages on the placards!
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If nature could talk, it would ask us to listen and choose organic.