

How many types of bumblebee can you see in your Bee Scene area?

These six bumblebees are the ones you are most likely to see.



- White-tailed bumblebee
- Buff-tailed bumblebee
- Red-tailed bumblebee
- Common carder bee
- Garden bumblebee
- Early bumblebee

Top tips for identifying wild plants

1. Check the colour and shape of the flower, and count how many petals it has.
2. Look at the leaves. What is their shape and size? What are the leaf edges like and are there any hairs?
3. Look at the stem. What shape is it? Are there hairs? How are the leaves arranged around the stem?
4. What habitat is the plant in? Wild plants that like growing in woods are unlikely to be found growing in fields or on beaches so looking at the habitat is really important.



Being safe...

Many of our wild plants have medicinal properties or are edible. However, it is important to remember that some wild plants are poisonous and can cause rashes on the skin when touched. Some can be fatal when ingested. You should not eat any wild plants or flowers whilst doing the Bee Scene survey. Make sure you wash your hands when you finish being outside.



Bee Scene flowers

Use this flower card to help you spot them!



White clover



White dead-nettle



White clover

Found amongst the grass April–August. White flowers, with three shiny leaves on each stem, or four if you're lucky! Usually 10cm tall.



White dead-nettle

Found around hedgerows and wasteland all year round. Looks like a nettle but doesn't sting. Clusters of white flowers. Usually 30cm tall.

Meadow crane's-bill

Found in meadows and along hedges. Large leaves, almost the shape of a hand. In the summer it forms spectacular deep blue flowers with pale veins.



Meadow crane's-bill



Dandelion

Found in all sorts of places! Raggedly long leaves which give out a milky sap when picked. Flower heads are bright yellow, made up of lots of tiny flowers. After about a week these close up and then re-open with a globe of feathery seeds, which can be blown away. Usually 25cm tall.





Bramble ▶

Found in woods and hedges all year round. Prickly stems, so watch out! In summer it has lots of white flowers, which ripen to become juicy blackberries.



Bramble

Rosebay willowherb ▶

Found on wasteland and in hedgerows July-September. Tall towering stem covered in pink flowers, which burst open with lots of fluffy white seeds, often seen being carried away by the wind. Usually 1 m tall.



Rosebay willowherb



◀ Dog-rose

Found in woods and hedges all year. Very prickly stems! Lots of small pink roses appear in summer, and by autumn become red rose hips. Usually 2m tall.



Dog-rose



Red campion

◀ Red campion

Found in woods May-June. Hairy stem and hairy leaves, with attractive red/pink flowers which turn into brown, oval seedpods that rattle when shaken. Usually 40cm tall.

Knapweed ▶

Found on grasslands and waysides June-September. Tall stems with pink or purple thistle-like flowers, however these aren't prickly. Usually 40cm tall.



Knapweed

Foxglove ▶

Found in woods and hedges June-September. Big soft floppy leaves on the ground with tall, towering stems covered in purple spotted trumpets, but poisonous so be careful! Also hungry bees often inside trumpets so be careful of them too! Flowers usually 1m tall.



Foxglove



Herb Robert ▶

Found in all sorts of places. Fern like leaves with 5 petalled pink flowers. Leaves and stem often have a reddish tint. Between 10-40cm tall.



Herb Robert



◀ Red clover

Found amongst the grass during summer. Red/purple flowers, with three hairy leaves on each stem, or four if you're lucky! Usually 30cm tall.



Hedge woundwort

◀ Hedge woundwort

Shady places like woods and hedgerows June-September. Looks a bit like a nettle but with attractive purple flowers. Gives off nasty smell when squashed. Usually 40cm tall.



Common comfrey ▶

Found in damp places May-June. Leafy plant with white or purple flowers, hanging down from stem. Once used for treating wounds. Usually 60cm tall.



Common comfrey



◀ Thistle

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Found in amongst grass, on wasteland and along hedges all year round. In July-September they form purple flowers on tall stems surrounded by spiny, prickly leaves so be careful as can draw blood! Up to 1m tall.



Thistle

