



# Bee ID & Info Sheet



Tick the boxes as you find the bees



Garden bumblebee



Ashy mining bee



Wool carder bee



Ivy bee



Nomada species bee



Red mason bee

Garden bumblebee - Flies with its tongue out and loves deep flowers.

Ashy mining bee - A little black, white and grey bee that emerges in spring and nests in the ground, in garden lawns or sparsely vegetated banks.

Wool carder bee - Forages on flowers like Lambs Ears and takes the fluff from the leaves to make its nest cosy. Patrols its favourite flowers fiercely! Notice the yellow dot markings.

Ivy bee - Its favourite flower to feed on is wild ivy, look for this bee from September when ivy is full of little round yellow flowers and attracting pollinators from far and wide!

Nomada bee - Looks like a little wasp but it's not! Often found around other bees nests.

Red mason bee - A 'red head' (especially females). Nests in bee hotels or plant stems.

Did you know? There are 270+ different species of gentle wild bee in Britain and Ireland!

Places bees like to nest include; soil in lawns, dry banks or flower bed edges, crevices in walls, in bee hotels and other hollow stems, tufty grass, compost heaps and even old mouse holes or bird boxes! Each species chooses what suits them best.

Some of the plants that bees and other important pollinators enjoy are ones like Ivy flowers, Bramble, Dandelion, Honeysuckle, Daisy, Lambs Ears, Herb flowers like Mint and Thyme, Apple blossom and other fruit blossom, Thistle, Crocus, Willow, Mahonia, Dog Rose, Comfrey, Nepeta, flowering fruit and vegetables and more!

Did you know?

The size of a bee and length of its tongue will determine which flower it visits!