

Bee Facts

- About one third of the food we eat would not be available without bees.
- There are 24 species of bumblebee in the UK - most are in decline.
- There are 400 worker bees in each colony.
- Almost 90% of wild plants and 75% of leading global crops depend on animal pollination.
- It is necessary for pollen and nectar to be available for 8 months of the year for bees to flourish.
- Around 225 species of solitary bees feed upon a wide range of plant species and for bees - the more plant species to choose from, the better!
- We can all do our bit to help bees and plant a wide range of flowers in our gardens to give bees access to nectar from March to October.
- Bees need nesting habitat too – they look for bare ground, old masonry, and holes in wood, which can also be provided by bee hotels.

Did you know?

The economic value of honey bees and bumblebees as pollinators of commercially grown insect-pollinated crops is estimated at over £200 million per year!

