

Urban Biodiversity: Successes and Challenges: Posters - Bumblebee Conservation Trust

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Urban habitats provide valuable nesting opportunities and forage resources for bumblebees. Six species are commonly found in gardens, providing a significant, free, pollination service for fruit and vegetables, and of course wildflowers. Planting and management of bumblebee-friendly flowers in parks, gardens, orchards and other areas helps deliver substantial benefits for this crucial group of ‘keystone’ pollinators.

The first British record of the tree bumblebee *Bombus hypnorum* was in 2001 on the Hampshire/Wiltshire border (Fig. 1). A population quickly became established and since 2007 the range has rapidly expanded to cover much of England. The species has not yet been recorded in Scotland. A distinctive species often found in urban areas, recording by the public is encouraged to monitor this colonisation event.



Fig 1. Tree bumblebee (*Bombus hypnorum*)
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