

BUZZY BEE ACTIVITIES

Bees are vital to life on our planet. Without them, plants including food crops wouldn't grow. So it's super important that we look after our bees and encourage them to thrive! Here are 5 simple ways you could help the bees who visit your garden, balcony or window box...

1 Grow more colourful flowers, shrubs and trees - that attract bees and other pollinators. We have included a list on here (see right) but anything with a bright open flower is great.

2 Let your garden grow a little wild & cut your grass less often - bees love dandelions, daisies and wildflowers including 'weeds' like the pretty purple toadflax.

3 Leave insect nests & hibernation spots undisturbed - These could be hidden in garden boundaries, hedgerows, holes in trees or even in masonry (bricks & stone walls).

4 Think carefully about whether to use pesticides - there are natural solutions that won't harm helpful pollinators. Try mixing:

- 1 litre warm water
- 1 tsp 100% pure/cold pressed Neem oil
- 1/2 tsp mild liquid soap/mild detergent

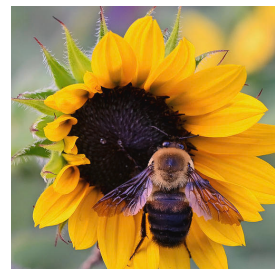
Step 1: mix soap and water in a spray bottle

Step 2: add Neem oil and shake

Note: best used before serious infestation occurs

Effective against

Mealybugs
Thrips
Aphids
Spider mites
Whiteflies



5 Make a Bee Pond - Very importantly, have water available for the bees to drink by making your very own Bee Pond at home:

- Fill a shallow tray, plant pot saucer, or takeaway container with different sized stones (including your Bee Stone you have made today), marbles or corks. Make sure they are large and stable enough to give bees a safe place to land and drink from - bee's aren't very good swimmers!
- Fill with water - ideally rain water - but remember to keep it topped up, especially during the hot weather

If you have a pond, you could try adding floating-leaved plants, wine corks or add rocks near the edges of your pond to give bees a safe place to land.



SPRING

Bluebell
Bugle
Crab apple
Crocus
Flowering cherry
Forget-me-not
Hawthorn
Primrose
Pulmonaria
Rhododendron
Rosemary

EARLY SUMMER

Aster
Buddleja
Cardoon
Cornflower
Dahlia
Eryngium
Globe thistle
Heather
Lavender
Penstemon
Scabious
Sedum

LATE SUMMER

Campanula
Comfrey
Delphinium
Foxglove
Hardy geranium
Honesty
Hollyhock
Potentilla
Snapdragon
Stachys
Teasel
Thyme
Verbascum



DID YOU KNOW?

All worker bees are female

DID YOU KNOW?

It takes 12 bees their whole lifetimes to make one teaspoon of honey

DID YOU KNOW?

Bees have 4 wings

DID YOU KNOW?

To produce 1 kilo of honey, bees fly the equivalent of 3 times around the world!

We hope you enjoy these buzzy bee activities and fun facts!



HOW MANY BEES ARE THERE?

	7
	4
	2

	4
	7
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	7
	8
	6

BEE WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the busy bee words listed below in our word search - they can be horizontal, vertical, diagonally and backward.

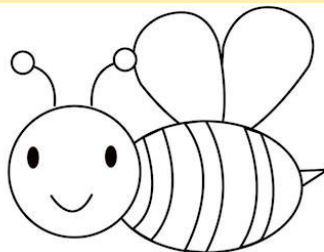
- BEE
- BUZZ
- COLONY
- FLOWERS
- FLY
- FORAGE
- NECTAR
- NEST
- POLLEN
- WINGS



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COLOUR ME BEE

Colour in your own bee



Shadow Matching!

Draw a line between the matching bee related item and its shadow.

UK BEE SPECIES

 White Tailed Bumblebee	 Tree Bumblebee	 Red Tailed Bumblebee
 Common Carder Bee	 Mining Bee	 Honeybee

DID YOU KNOW?

Bees have 5 eyes!

DID YOU KNOW?

Bees see in patterns

How Many Daisies can you find?

