

Bumble Bees

Profile/Characteristics

Bumble bees are social insects that are usually characterised by black and yellow hairs, often in bands. However, some species have orange or red on their bodies, or may be entirely black.

Another obvious characteristic is the soft nature of their hair, making them appear and feel furry.

In spring the queen bee will emerge, find a location to start building a nest, and lay her first eggs, which will be the first workers.

Often, mature bumble bee nests will hold fewer than 50 individuals. Their nests tend to be located in the ground, but they can build them on properties, and virtually anywhere that suits them. They do not usually over-winter, and generally only last for one summer.



How to control Bumble Bees

Bumble bee species are not normally aggressive, and will not usually sting unless their nest is attacked.

For this reason we advise people to leave them alone unless they are causing a serious nuisance.

You can always contact us for some advice.