



White tailed

Over the 5 year period 2013-2017, the nine species shown in this leaflet have been recorded in the gardens. These are the ones most likely to be seen in suburban parks, gardens and green spaces. They are mainly present from March throughout the spring and summer until October when the Queens start hibernating. A few are seen in the gardens during the winter months. Most common are **White-tailed, Buff-tailed, Early, Tree and Common Carder** often up to 20 or so on favoured plants such as catmint and lavender.



Tree



Buff-tailed



Early



Common Carder

They are here because they need food, nectar and pollen, to feed to their young back in their nests. So we plant a wide range of bee-friendly plants in the gardens to provide food from spring to late autumn. The bumblebees visiting the gardens probably also visit neighbouring gardens and Long Meadow. Their nests and hibernation sites may well be in Long Meadow and Dovecote copse where there are plenty of holes in the ground and wood stacks for them to use.

Bumblebees pollinate many of the plants we eat as food so by helping the bees we are helping ourselves.



Garden



Southern Cuckoo



Field Cuckoo

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## Bumblebees in the Gardens



Red tailed bumblebee

