



BEE A SUPERHERO

ACTIVITY PACK

Become a
SUPERHERO
and help save the
BEEES!



Illustrated by Samie Kerr
@itsnotsosamey ☆

The Bee* Identification Guide





BUMBLEBEE

Large fluffy bodies with yellow and black stripes, with a white or red tail. Red-tailed bumblebees love to visit wildflower meadows.



HONEYBEE

Smaller than bumblebees with black and amber coloured stripes, with shiny back legs. Most UK honeybees live in hives.



CARDER BEE

One of the rarest bumblebees around, they are all brown with black stripes.



SOLITARY BEE

These bees make up 90% of the bee population so you'll most likely see these bees buzzing around. There are lots of solitary bees and they are generally smaller than other bee species.



MINING BEE

A type of solitary bee, easy to spot as they have a thick orange coat and black face. You can normally spot where mining bees have been as they leave soil piles behind at the entrance to their nest.



MASON BEE

The red mason bee is the one found in the UK. They are bristly with black and orange stripes - females are mostly black with yellow legs, males are more brown with hairier legs. They love a stay at the bee hotel!

Did you know there are over **270** species of bees buzzing around the UK, and they aren't all the same! We've listed some of the **most common bees you'll find** and some key characteristics to help you identify them.





Keep an eye out for *The Imposters!*

Don't be fooled, there are some insects that look like a bee. A great disguise to trick the superheroes, here are some bee lookalikes to watch out for.

Just remember the golden rule - bees are easy to spot because their colouring is more golden. They also have tiny hairs over their body and their stripes look fuzzy.



Hoverflies

A harmless fly which disguises as a bee or a wasp to protect themselves from predators. They only have two wings (unlike a bees four) and large eyes.



Wasps

This lot are the grumpy stingers in the group. You can spot a wasp because they have very bright, distinctive yellow and black stripes and a tiny waist. They are not furry and their bodies slim down towards a point on their bottom. They also let their legs dangle down when flying.



Hornets

These are actually a specific type of wasp. Hornets are much larger, up to 5.5cm in length, and slightly rounder than wasps. They also have more of a reddish-brown colouring on their heads with yellow and thin black stripes on the body.



Match the description with the numbered bees.

This bee make up 90% of the bee population.

One of the rarest bumblebees around, they are all brown with black stripes

This bee is smaller than a bumblebees and has black and amber coloured stripes, with shiny back legs.

You can recognise this bee with their bristly bodies with black and orange stripes.

A type of solitary bee, easy to spot as they have a thick orange coat and black face

These red-tailed bees love to sit in wildflower meadows.

Word search

How many words can you find?

Q	W	A	G	G	L	E	R	N	E	B	P
V	R	Q	C	B	U	Z	Z	N	K	O	D
D	G	H	I	E	K	S	C	S	G	J	O
E	U	Y	N	J	P	Y	C	I	P	A	E
V	F	L	O	W	E	R	Y	U	G	J	K
S	N	O	W	D	R	O	P	M	G	T	I
Q	W	K	S	X	I	P	G	R	O	I	E
U	T	B	E	E	K	D	V	R	M	C	D

Buzz Bee Flower
Waggle Snowdrop



BEE

A

Superhero

to the

BEEES

Draw your own
BEE HOUSE





For more resources, visit **The Beehive** on our website
www.flyingflowers.co.uk/page/the-beehive

Illustrated by Samie Kerr
@itsnotsosamey ☆