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WI Bumble Bees Need Our Help



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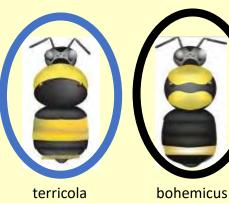


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variabilis





Causes of Population Decline

- Habitat Loss
- Intensive Agriculture (pesticides, decreased floral diversity, disease and competition from commercial bees)
- Pesticides
- Disease
- Climate Change



Mission

To improve our understanding, management, and conservation activities of Wisconsin bumble bees.



Long-Term Objectives

- Develop an accurate map of species distributions
- Identify species-habitat associations
- Assess habitat conditions and determine conservation threats
- Determine baseline population status and monitor trends over time

Wisconsin bee diversity:

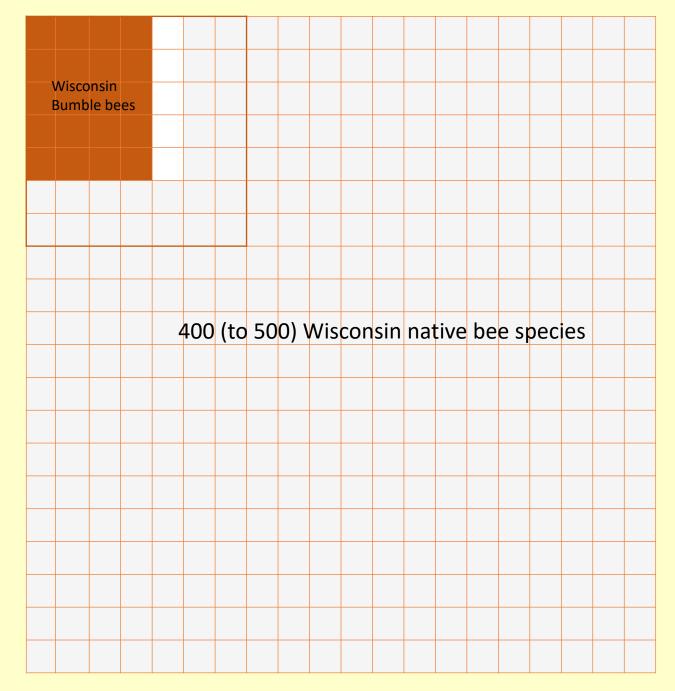
85% are solitary bee species

15% are social or semi-social bees



Social, perennial, European Honey bee:

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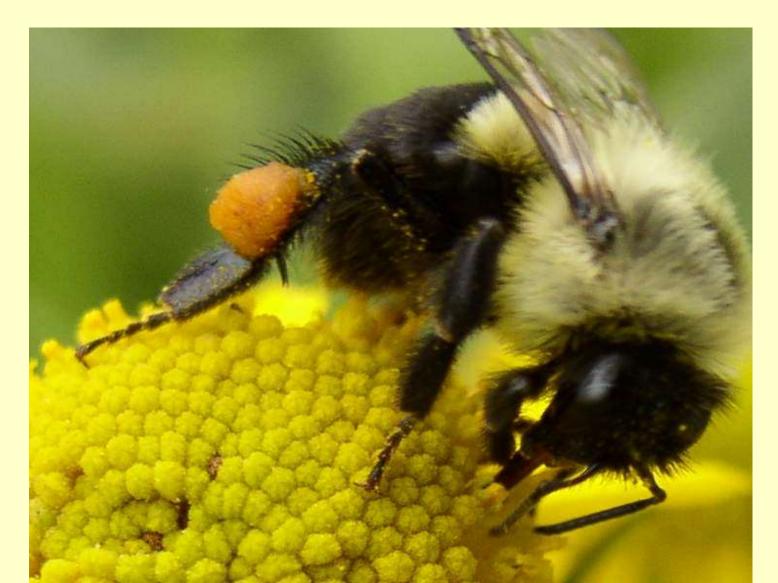


- Social (queens, workers & males), annual colony
- Wide variety of habitats
- Most diverse in temperate & montane areas
- WI active mid April early October (varies by species)
- Very hairy bodies, active early & later in day
- <u>Buzz pollination</u>

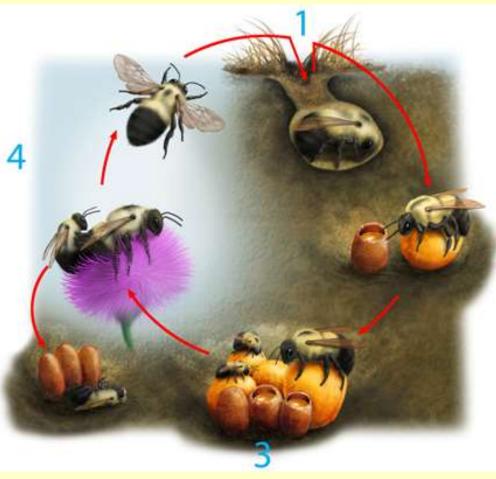




• Corbicula – pollen carrying structure



A queen emerges from hibernation in spring and finds a nest site, such as an abandoned rodent burrow.



When her daughters emerge as adults, they take over foraging and other duties She creates wax pots to hold nectar and pollen, in which she lays and incubates her eggs.

In autumn the colony produces new queens and male bees, who leave to find mates. Newly mated queens hibernate and the rest of the bees die.

Biology- Nesting

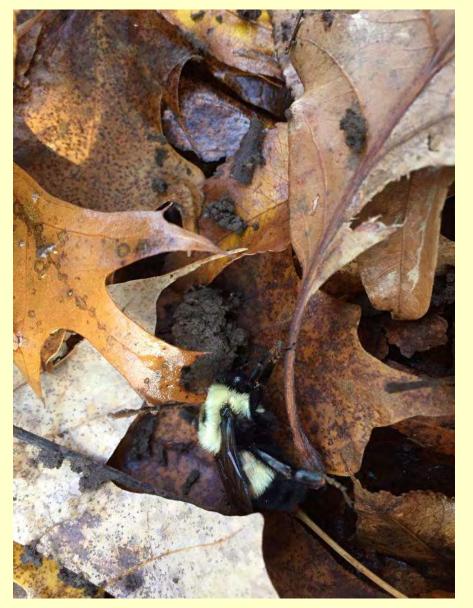
- Social colonies founded by single queen
- Annual colonies--last only one season
- Nests have ~100-400 workers
- Nest in abandoned rodent burrows or under lodged grasses

Conserve brush piles, unmown areas









Overwintering B. affinis gyne

Photo credit: Brad Herrick

Cuckoo Bumble Bees

- 5 species in WI
- Social parasite, no corbicula on hind tibia
- Parasitize nests of other species



Lemon Cuckoo

Indiscriminate Cuckoo

Cuckoo Bumble Bees

- Two very rare (possibly extirpated) from WI
- No recent records in WI



Ashton Cuckoo



Commercial Bumble Bees



- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Squash
- Strawberries
- Blueberries
- Cranberries

Things Bumble Bees Need

- Nesting Habitat
- Floral Resources
- Overwintering Habitat
- Water



THE WISCONSIN POLLINATOR PROTECTION PLAN

In Wisconsin, pollinator dependent crops account for over \$55 million in annual production.





Conserving Bumble Bees

Guidelines for Creating and Managing Habitat for America's Declining Pollinators



Rich Hatfield, Sarina Jepsen, Eric Mader, Scott Hoffman Black, and Matthew Shepherd THE XERCES SOCIETY FOR INVERTEBRATE CONSERVATION

Habitat: A bee's eye view

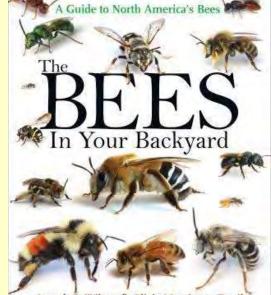


Native plant gardens with diverse, abundant floral resources; suitable nest sites, late season flowers and overwintering sites; no insecticides, especially systemic ones.

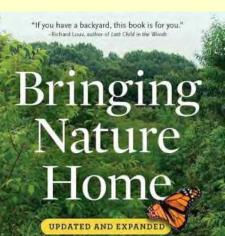
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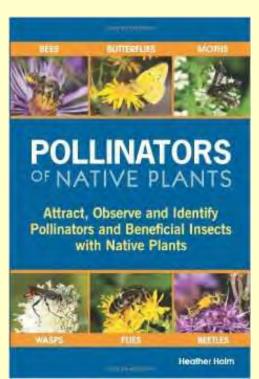


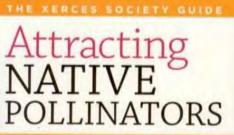
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How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants

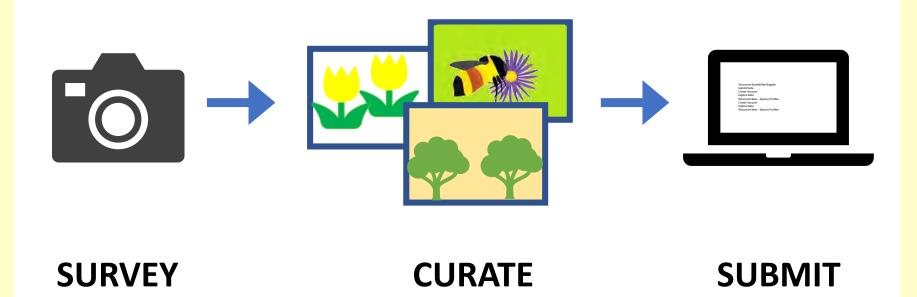
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Methods



Photography-Based



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Two Ways to Contribute

- Incidental observations are basic, casual, or unplanned sightings
- Small area surveys are conducted when you purposefully look for, photograph, count, and record the bumble bees that you see at a single location, following the guidelines in this manual.

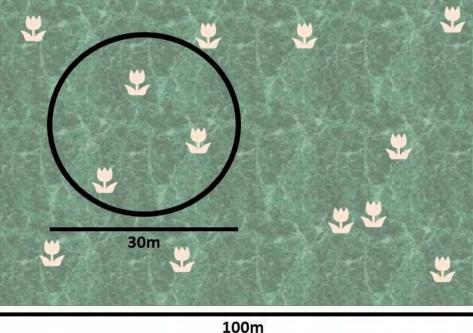
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Small Area Surveys

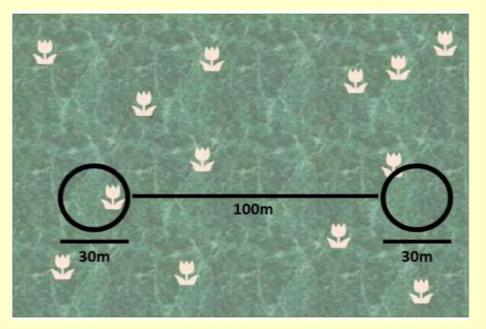
- Record basic survey information
- Stay within a 30m diameter area
- Count the number of bumble bees of each morph that you see
- Photograph at least one bee per morph
- Record number of bees (by male, female, queen), presence of nests, & photo names on Data Sheet
- Curate photos
- Summarize data on Summary Sheet
- Submit data online

Small Area Surveys- Where & When

- Site: general location, anywhere with blooming plants
- Survey location: specific area you survey (30m diameter)

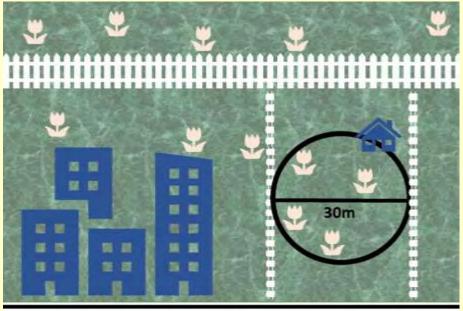


Small Area Surveys- Where & When



Large site: multiple surveys 100m apart

Obstructed site: survey open space in the circle



Small Area Surveys- Where & When

- Anywhere with flowering plants
- April/May-October
- Avoid rain, high winds, and severe weather
- Easier to photograph when cool



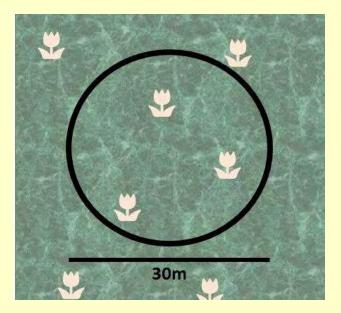
Small Area Surveys- Tallying Morphs

- Count the number of individuals of each morph seen
- Morphs are visually distinct groups based on
 - Color patterns
 - Size
 - Number of abdominal segments (males 7, females 6)
 - Presence of corbicula (pollen basket) on legs



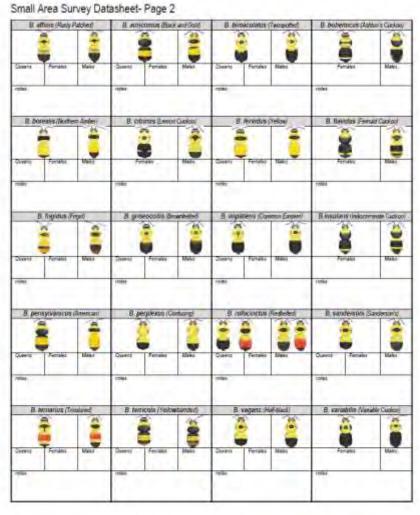
Small Area Surveys- Survey Technique

- Use a measuring tape, pre-measured piece of rope, or your known stride length to measure a 30m diameter circle
- Check all flowering plants within the circle for bumble bees
- Tally each bee seen according to morph and take photos of each morph (not of every single bee)
- Do your best to avoid double-counting bees



Small Area Surveys- Data Sheet

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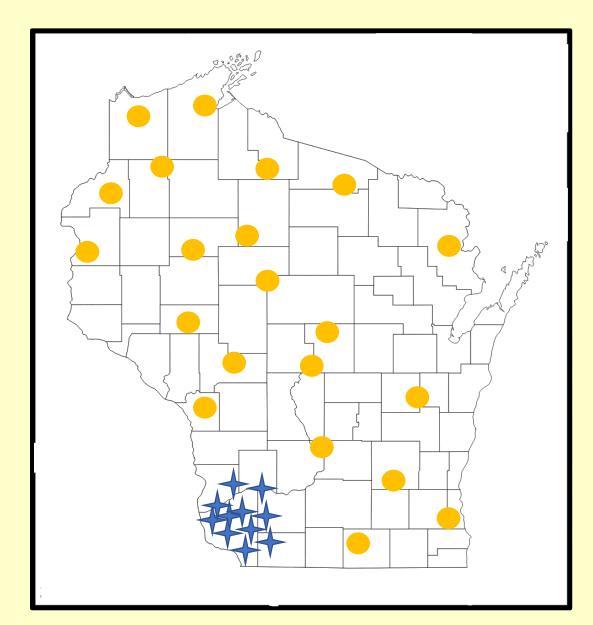
Small Area Surveys- Curating Photos

- Identify morphs in each image
- Select best photos of each morph's head, dorsal, and side views
- Crop and center selected images
- Ensure file size is less than 1MB

Small Area Surveys- Summary Sheet

Survey Date 5/1/18 Site Name Tenney Park									
Species (scientific name, common name)	Number of Males	Number of Females	Number of Queens	Nest (Y/N)	Photo Name/ID				
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B. bohemicus, Ashton's cuckoo									
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B. fervidus, yellow									
B. flavidus, Fernald cuckoo				1					
B. frigidus, frigid									
B. griseocollis, brown-belted									
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B. ternarius, tricolored									
B. terricola, yellowbanded									
B. vagans, half-black									
B. variabilis, variable cuckoo									
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Small Area Surveys- Null Data



Safety First



Photographing and IDing Bumble Bees



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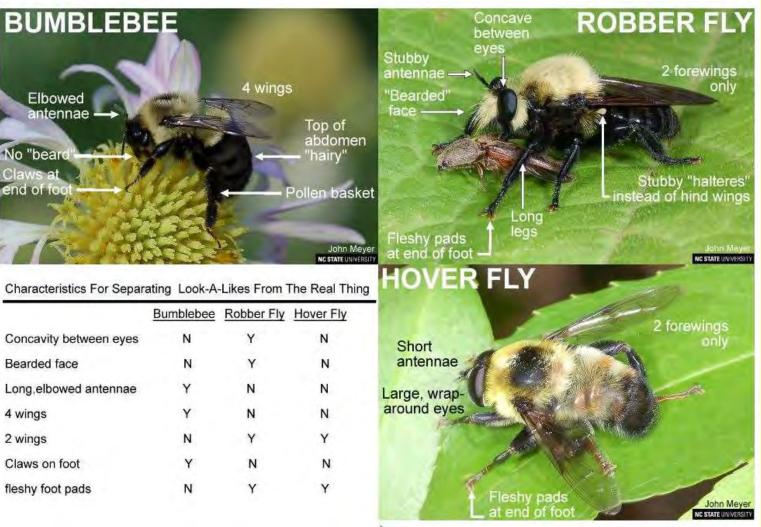


Photographing and IDing Bumble Bees



Bumblebees are valuable pollinators that can sting

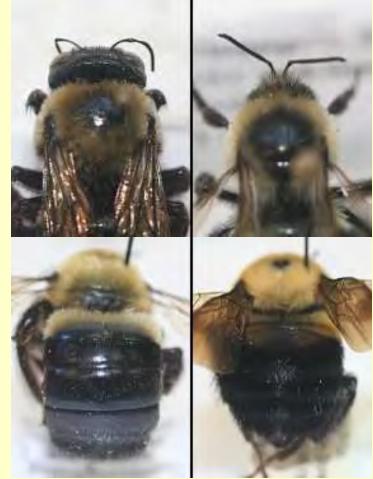
The two predatory flies This is done to fool potential shown here are bee mimics prey or their own predators



Bumble Bee vs similar looking bees



Eastern Carpenter Bee - Xylocopa virginica - Female



https://beespotter.org/topics/mimics/

Bumble Bee vs similar looking bees



Mining Bee (Andrena sp.)

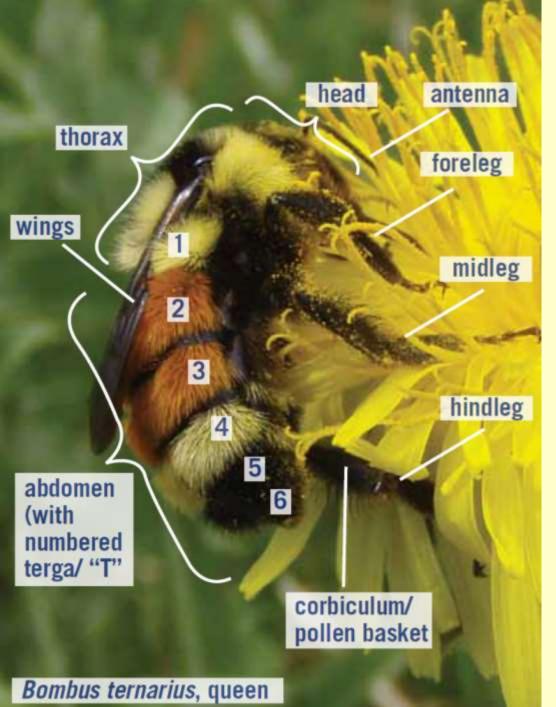
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Bumble bee vs similar looking bees

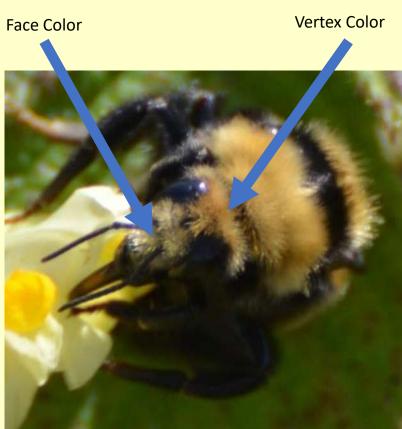


Honey bee

Bumble bee

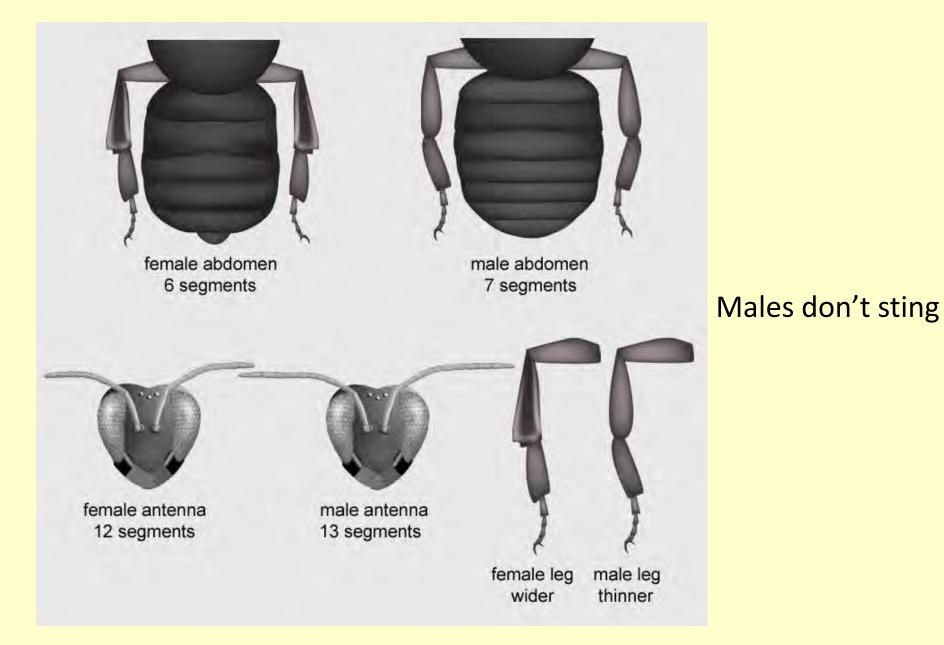


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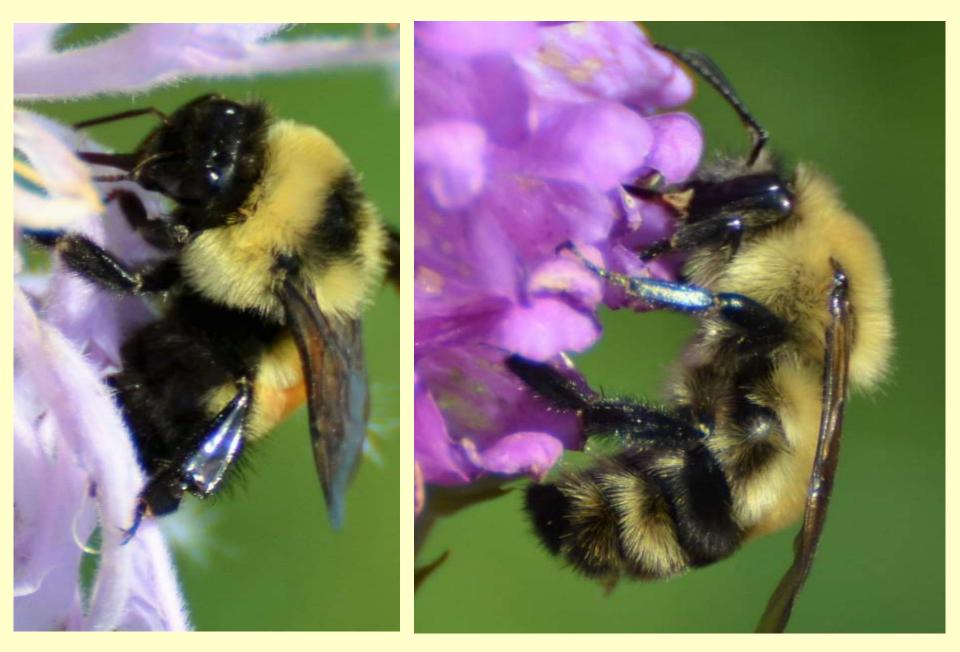


Bombus borealis

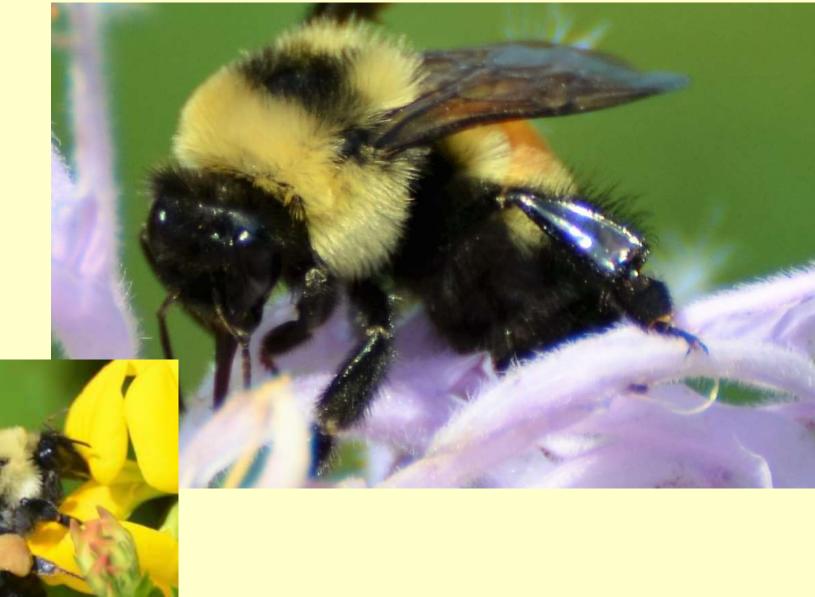
Female vs Male



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Corbicula



Bombus impatiens common eastern bumble bee



Bombus bimaculatus twospotted bumble bee



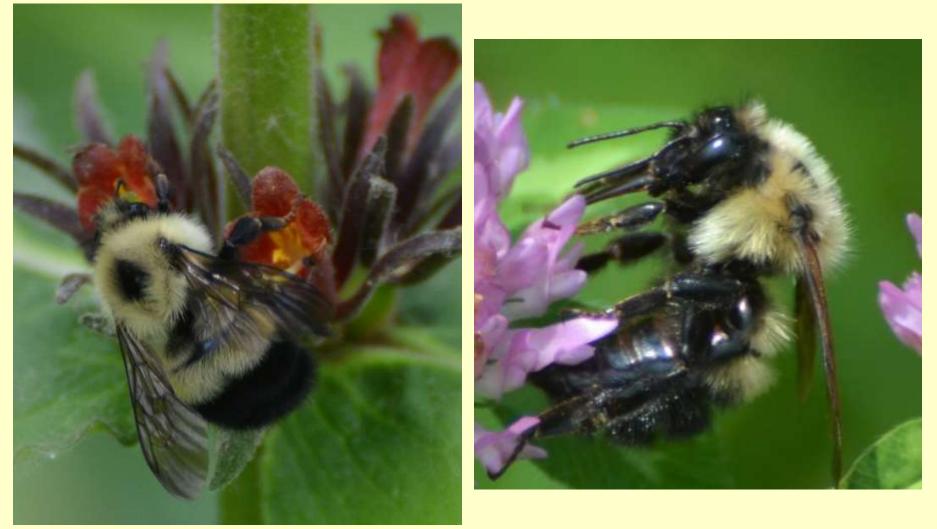
Bombus griseocollis brownbelted bumble bee



Bombus auricomus black and gold bumble bee



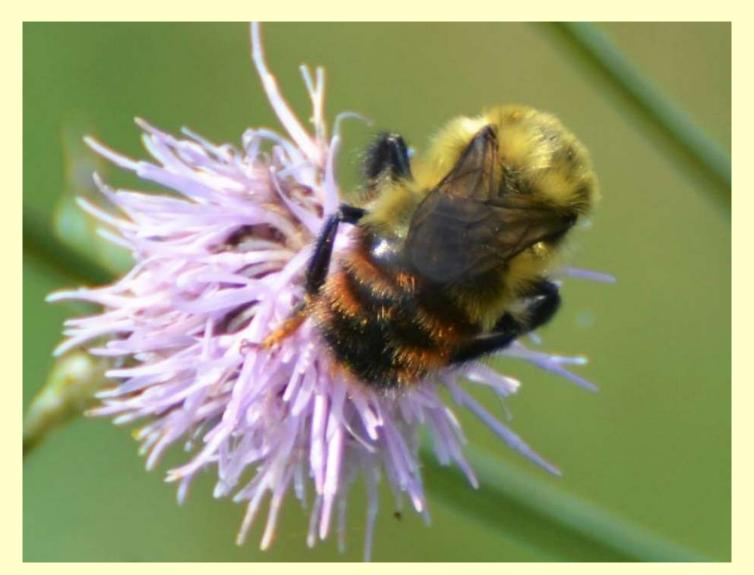
Bombus vagans half black bumble bee



Bombus affinis rusty patched bumble bee



Bombus rufocinctus redbelted bumble bee



Bombus ternarius tricolored bumble bee



Bombus terricola yellow-banded bumble bee



Species often confused with yellow-banded



B. auricomus

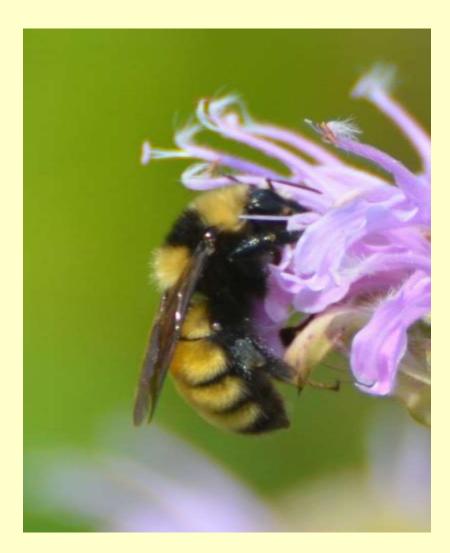
B. pensylvanicus

Species often confused with yellow-banded



Bombus terricola (left), Bombus pensylvanicus (center) and Bombus auricomus (right)

Bombus borealis northern amber bumble bee



Photography Tips

Camera type

- point & shoot, DSLR & phone cameras (>=8 megapixels)
- Experiment with your camera
 - macro setting, auto exposure and auto focus might be best
- Be calm. While the bees are nectaring and/or collecting pollen, you can be quite close without disturbing them.



Photography Tips

- Series of photos
 - dorsal (top), side & face views
- After taking photos of one bee, take a "spacer" photo
- Patience & practice



Confusing Bumble Bee (Bombus perplexus) - queen

Key Views to Photograph







Lemon Cuckoo (*Bombus citrinus*) - female



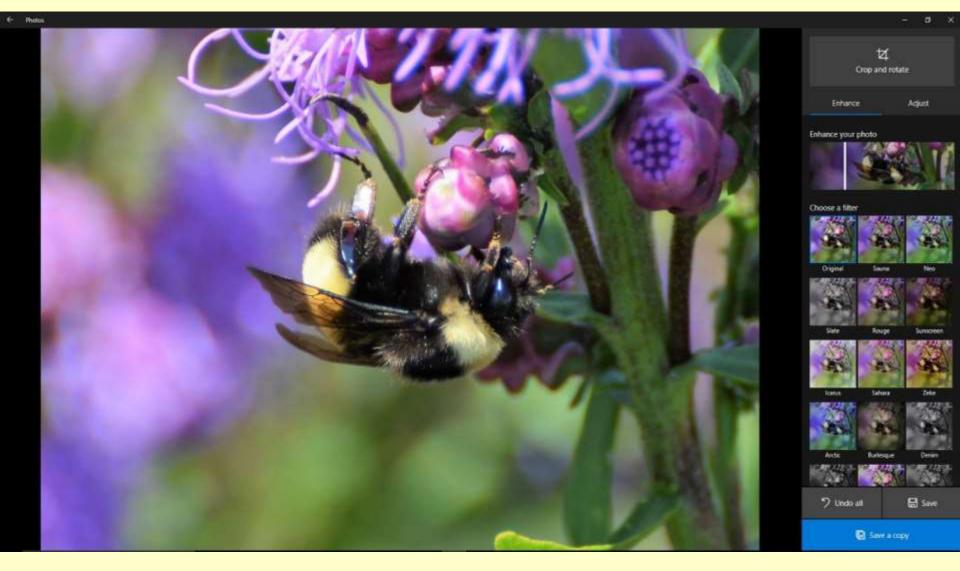


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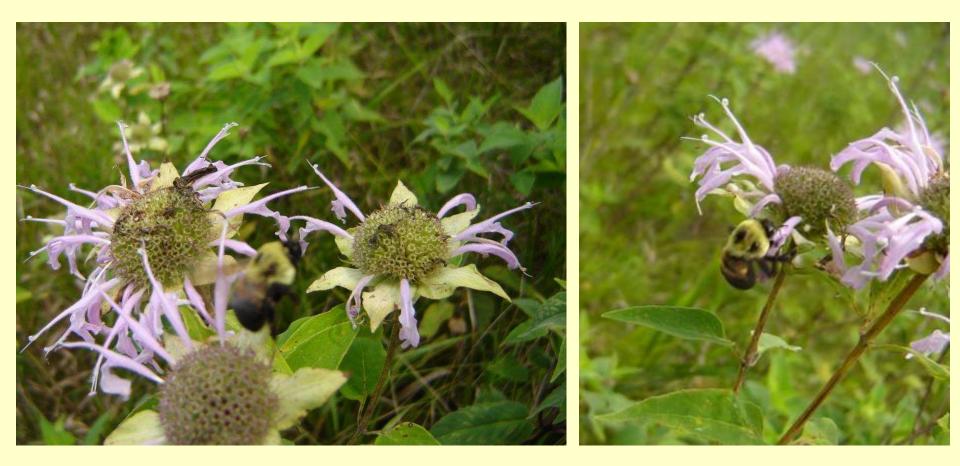
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Yellowbanded bumble bee (B. terricola)

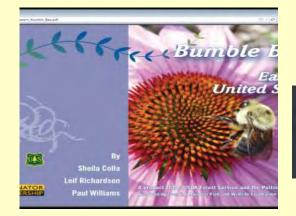




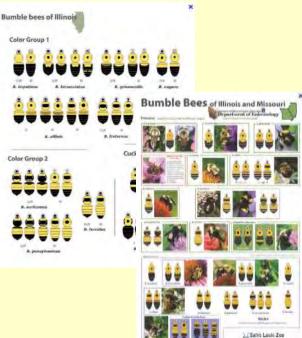


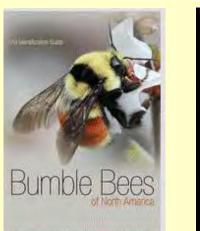


Resources to identify your photos









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Your Verifications

WI Bumble Bee Brigade Account

Eva Lewandowski 608-264-6057 eva.lewandowski@wisconsin.gov Edit Information Change Password

Add/View Observations

Observation List

Export Observations to Excel

(Click year to see list of observations for that year)

Survey Year: 2018

Survey Date	Site Name	Observation	Date Submitted	Date Verified
09/19/2018	Empire Prairies Westport Drumlin SNA	14 Male Bombus impatiens		11/08/2018
09/19/2018	Empire Prairies Westport Drumlin SNA	2 Female Bombus impatiens		11/20/2018
09/16/2018	Tenney Park	3 Male Bombus impatiens		10/23/2018
08/31/2018	Tenney Park	1 Male Bombus impatiens		09/12/2018
08/31/2018	Tenney Park	5 Female Bombus impatiens		09/12/2018
08/31/2018	Burr Jones Park	None - unverified		
08/26/2018	Chaffee Creek Meadow	1 Male Bombus vagans		10/11/2018
08/26/2018	Worzella Pines Park	1 Female Bombus impatiens		08/31/2018
08/26/2018	Chaffee Creek Meadow	1 Unknown <i>Bombus impatiens</i> [Reported as Female]		09/12/2018
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08/26/2018	Chaffee Creek Meadow	3 Queen Bombus griseocollis		11/08/2018
07/28/2018	Warner Park	1 Female Bombus impatiens		08/17/2018
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07/26/2018	Tenney Park	1 Female Bombus rufocinctus		07/27/2018
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SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS!!!!

• To the Bumble Bee Brigade website to verify ID & to document/map bumble bee distributions





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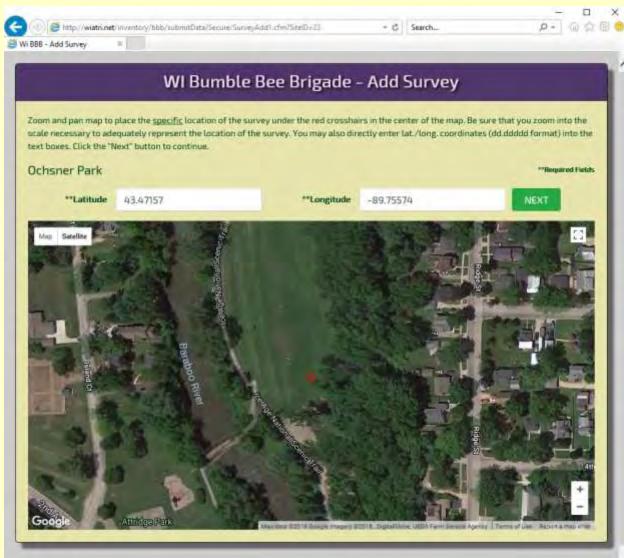
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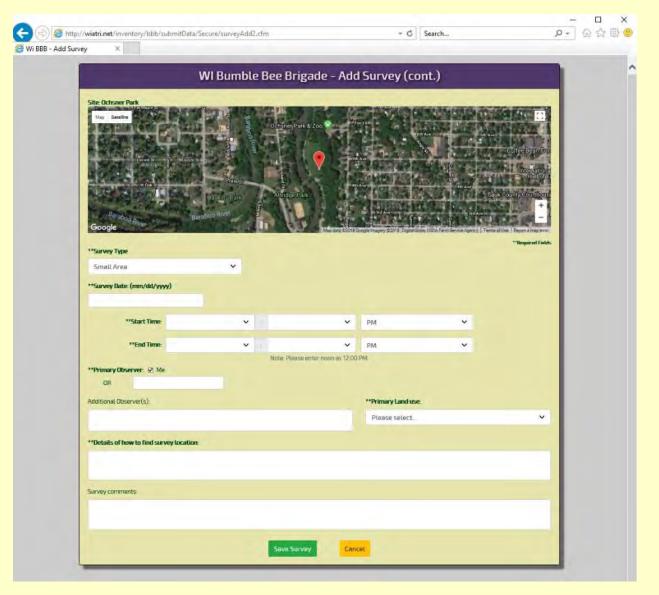
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WI Bumble Bee Brigade - Survey Details

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Site: Ochsner Park



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My Observations (Click on name to open observation details.)

A 1 Female Bombus impatiens (1 photo) - unverified

Survey Type: Small Area Survey Date: 25-Apr-2018 Start Time: 8:01 AM End Time: 8:07 AM Primary Observer: Eva Lewandowski

Land use: Urban/Suburban/Rural Development Survey Location: From Park street, head towards bottom of big field. Survey was along woods/field border. fake fake fake Survey Comments: fake

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