



White-tailed



Early



Southern cuckoo



Common carder



Garden



Buff-tailed



Tree



Red-tailed

Bumblebees in the Gardens

The eight species shown here occur in and around Eastcote House Gardens. 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.

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 Dovecot 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.