

# Spike's Object Activity

#SpikeDinosAdventures

Theme; Bees



## Bees; Bee hive

Spike spotted a piece of a beehive honeycomb in the collection. He knows bees are vital for pollinating our plants and flowers but wondered how many type of bee there are in the UK. And also what a beehive looked like when it was being used by bees.

After a bit of research Spike learned there are **250 different types of bee in the UK**. He knew we had some on display in the Natural History gallery - sadly not living specimens.

Below are some of the bees in the collection.

34. Lawn Bee

35. Red Mason Bee

36. Median Wasp

37. Common Carder Bee

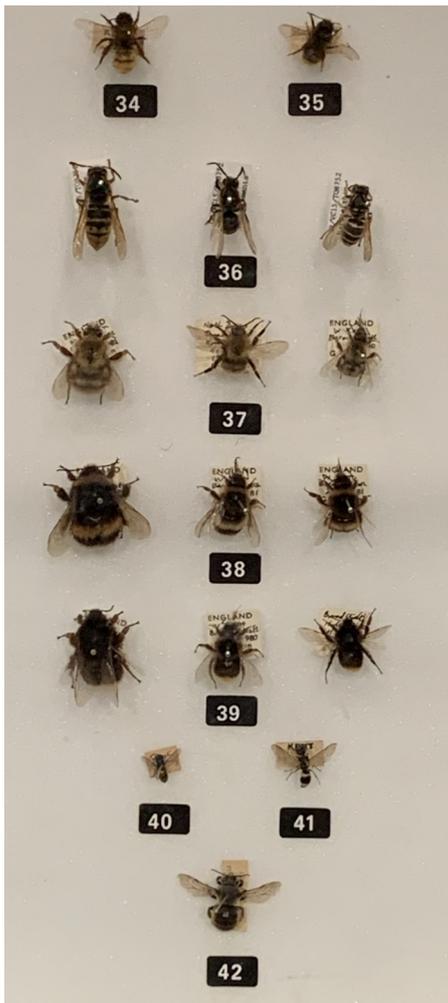
38. Buff Tailed Bumble Bee

39. Large Red Tailed Bumble Bee

40. Ruby Tailed Wasp

41. Common Mason Wasp

42. Wool Carder Bee.



On the next page is a bee spotting sheet from

[www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk](http://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk) that will help you with today's activity.

**Activity;** carefully look in your garden, park or on your walk for bees pollinating flowers. They are doing an important job and will take the pollen back to their hive which will be nearby. **Bee** careful not to disturb them. Record what you see.

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# Bee identification



All bumblebees shown are worker bees

 <p>14-17mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Buff-tailed bumblebee</p>	 <p>12-18mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Willughby's leaf cutter bee</p>	 <p>11mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Red mason bee</p>	 <p>10-16mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tree bumblebee</p>	 <p>12-18mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> White-tailed bumblebee</p>
 <p>13-14mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed bumblebee</p>	 <p>10mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tawny mining bee</p>	 <p>13mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Common carder bee</p>	 <p>13mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wool carder bee</p>	 <p>14-15mm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hairy footed flower bee</p>

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