

Bee Identification

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All bumblebees shown are worker bees

 14-17mm	 12-18mm	 11mm	 10-16mm	 12-18mm
☐ Buff-tailed bumblebee	☐ Willoughby's leafcutter bee	☐ Red mason bee	☐ Tree bumblebee	☐ White-tailed bumblebee
 13-14mm	 10mm	 13mm	 13mm	 14-15mm
☐ Red-tailed bumblebee	☐ Tawny mining bee	☐ Common carder bee	☐ Wool carder bee	☐ Hairy footed flower bee

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These are just a few of the 250+ species of bee in the UK!

How To Make A Solitary Bee Nest

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The bottle method

You will need

- 2 litre plastic bottle
- Scissors
- Bamboo canes (of differing diameters)
- Strong twine

- 1 Cut off the top (lid) half of your plastic bottle.
- 2 Measure and cut your bamboo canes to the length of the bottle, and pack tightly inside.
- 3 Tie the twine around the bottle, and hang it in a sheltered, sunny, dry spot.

Ensure there are no obstructions inside the canes - you should be able to see all the way through!

30-300cm from the ground

The wood block method

You will need

- An untreated block of wood
- Saw
- A drill with varied sizes of wood bit (2mm to 10mm)
- Hammer and nails
- Strong twine

- 1 Cut your block to 10cm x 10cm x 10cm.
- 2 Drill different sized holes, evenly spacing them across one side of the wood. The holes should be as deep as possible but not go right through the wood.
- 3 Hammer a nail into the top of each side, and create a hanging loop with the twine.
- 4 Hang the block in a sheltered, sunny, dry spot.

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