

# Bee Identification Chart

## Questions to help you know what you see.....

Are they round and very hairy with a yellow/white or orange band on its tail/bottom? Are they like stripy footballs? Do they make a V loud buzzing sound? Are they living in an old bird box, a compost heap, under the decking, a hole in the ground?



**YES** **NO**

**ACTION:** Leave them alone if possible. Bumblebees are an important pollinator and rarely sting. **Bumblebees** are under threat of extinction. For more information contact the [www.BumblebeeConservationTrust.org.uk](http://www.BumblebeeConservationTrust.org.uk)

Is it bright yellow with black stripes? Very smooth mainly yellow with black stripes? Is it in the roof of your house? Are they coming from a round nest in a tree? Is there a nest in the shed? Do they have a high pitched buzz? Are they interested in sweet sugary foods?



**YES** **NO**

**ACTION:** These are **WASPS** contact your **LOCAL** Authority

Are they very big with a loud buzz? Are they black and brown with a hint of orange? Living in the roof or shed? Do they have a very big curved tail?



**YES** **NO**

**ACTION:** These are **HORNETS** contact your **LOCAL** Authority

Does it have golden brown or dark brown bands? Are they slightly furry? Are they formed in a clump hanging from a tree, gate post, chimney? Are there thousands of them swirling around in the air? Are they the same size as a house fly?



**ACTION:** These are **Honeybees** Contact your local **Swarm Co-ordinator:**  
**TEL:**