

Take part in an experiment

I am one of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust's researchers and am continuing Gillian Lye's research into bumblebee nests. This summer I will be using Toby, the bumblebee sniffer dog, to find bumblebee nests near Stirling. I am going to monitor the nests to find out things like how big they get, how many nests produce new males and queens and why some nests die.



You can take part in this experiment too, if you find a bumblebee nest in your garden, or anywhere that you could visit regularly. The information that you collect would be invaluable to this study and I would be very grateful for your help.

All you need to do is fill in a brief questionnaire and then watch your nest once a week for fifteen minutes and tell me how many bumblebees you see flying in and out of the hole. You can watch the nest on any day each week, providing that it is during the day time and not raining.

So if you find a bumblebee nest and would like to help with my research please contact me for further details at [**stephanie.oconnor@stir.ac.uk**](mailto:stephanie.oconnor@stir.ac.uk) or in writing at:



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I regret that I will not be able to answer general bumblebee enquiries, which should be directed to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.