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# A bee in your bonnet

## Bumble Bees

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## Characteristics

Bumble Bees are social insects that are usually characterised by black and yellow hairs, often in bands. However, some species have orange or red on their bodies, or may be entirely black.

Another obvious characteristic is the soft nature of their hair, making them appear and feel furry.

## Where to find bumble bees

Their nests tend to be located in the ground, but they can build them on properties, and virtually anywhere that suits them

## Problems caused by bumble bees

Bumble Bee species are not normally aggressive, and will not usually sting unless their nest is attacked





## Life Cycle

In spring the queen bee will emerge, find a location to start building a nest and lay her first eggs, which will be the first workers. Often, mature Bumble Bee nests will hold fewer than 50 individuals. They do not usually over-winter and generally only last for one summer.

## Control

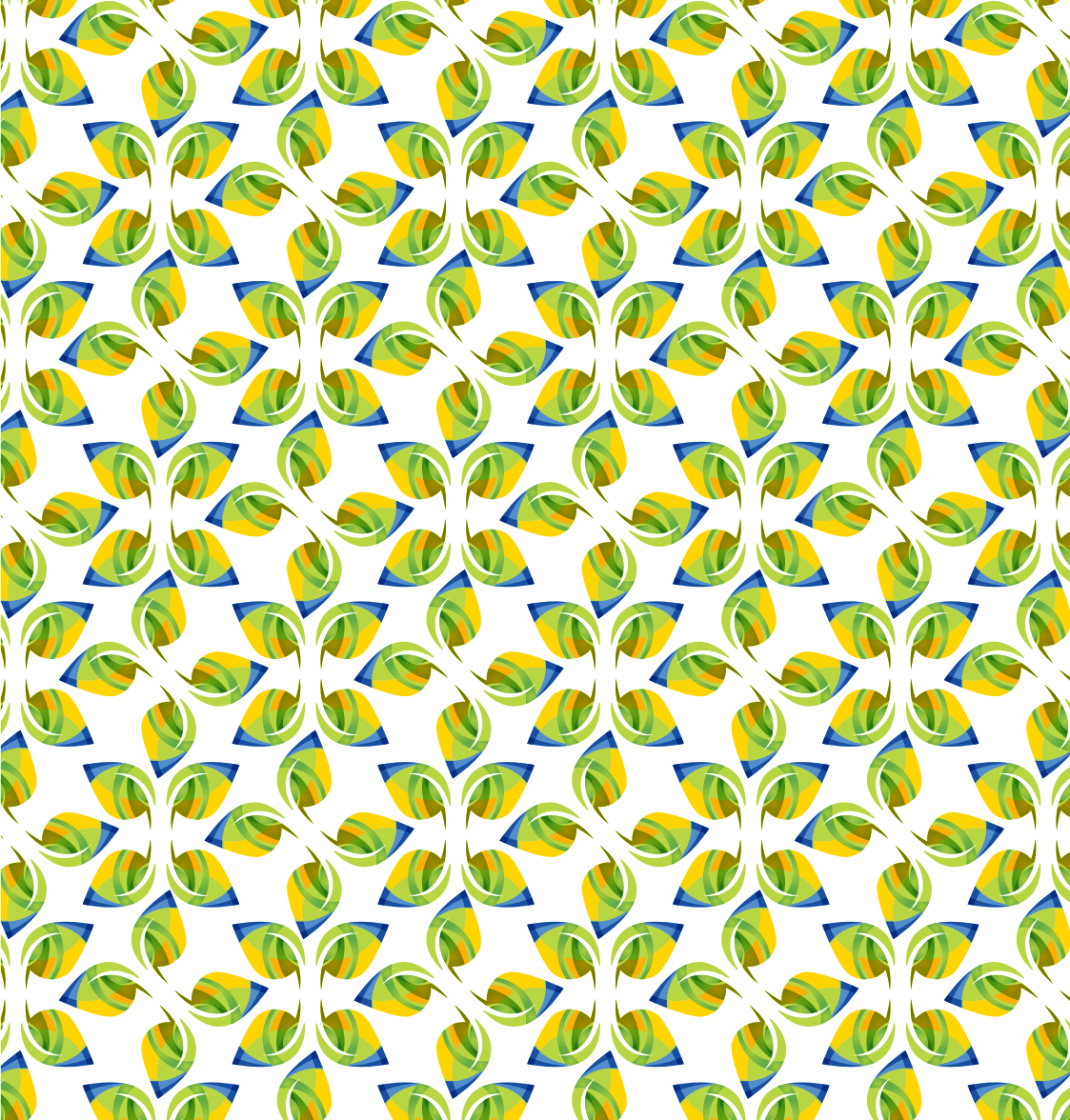
For this reason we advise people to leave them alone unless they are causing a serious nuisance.

**Bumble Bees are not normally aggressive and we will not carry out a treatment unless they are causing a serious nuisance.**

You can always contact us for some advice.

For further information look on The British Beekeepers Association website [bbka.org.uk](http://bbka.org.uk)





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