

Tiree's great yellow bumblebee project

Photograph | David Wood

Getting involved

We need your help to do the best we can for the survival of Tiree's special population of great yellow bumblebees (GYBBs). Here are some options. Please contact Janet Bowler for further details: T. 01879 220748 E. gybb@friendsoftiree.org.uk

- **Gardening for GYBBs – The Tiree Bumblebee Garden Network**

Our aim is to create a network of patches of GYBB 'super-food' throughout the island so that there is a good source of nectar and pollen within reach of GYBB nests throughout their active period (June-September). Gardens are a great opportunity to grow flowers that provide GYBBs with more food than they might find in wild flowers. We can provide suitable plant seeds, materials and equipment, and instructions for cultivation.

- **Bumblebee Surveys**

Bumblebee surveys are basically a 1-hour stroll through flower-rich machair in beautiful summer weather. What's not to like? We use a particular method for our bumblebee surveys – all bumblebee species are recorded, along with the abundance of key flowering plants, and additional information is required when GYBBs are encountered. We can provide training, instructions, identification guides and recording sheets, and we will seek landowner permission for the area you'd like to survey.

- **Keep an eye out for great yellow bumblebees**

Let us know if you see any GYBBs in your garden, on the croft, or when out on walks. Contact Janet Bowler at the address below. A photograph would help us to confirm its identity, and we'd like to know when you saw it, where it was and what flower it was feeding on.



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A community partnership project aimed at protecting the great yellow bumblebee.

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