

Bumblebees, Solitary Bees, Wasps and Ants - Records for Orkney		
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Species Name	Common name	Orkney status
BUMBLEBEES		
<i>Bombus barbutellus</i>	Barbut's Cuckoo-bee	Resident. Rare, distribution unknown
<i>Bombus bohemicus</i>	Gypsy Cuckoo-bee	Resident. Widespread and fairly common except in outer North Isles
<i>Bombus cryptarum</i>	White-tailed Bumblebee	Resident. One of three species hiding under the name of <i>B. lucorum</i> . Difficult to identify, status uncertain, but almost certainly widespread and common
<i>Bombus distinguendus</i>	Great yellow Bumblebee	Resident. Widespread but uncommon
<i>Bombus hortorum</i>	Garden Bumblebee	Resident. Widespread and common
<i>Bombus jonellus</i>	Heath Bumblebee	Resident. Widespread and locally common
<i>Bombus lapidarius</i>	Red-tailed Bumblebee	Extinct. Last recorded in 1938
<i>Bombus lucorum sensu lato.</i>	White-tailed Bumblebee	Resident. A cryptic species group including <i>B lucorum sensu stricto</i> , <i>B cryptarum</i> and <i>B magnus</i> . Widespread and very common
<i>Bombus lucorum sensu stricto</i>	White-tailed Bumblebee	Resident. Difficult to identify, status uncertain, but probably locally common
<i>Bombus magnus</i>	Northern White-tailed Bumblebee	Difficult to identify, status uncertain. Probably does not occur
<i>Bombus muscorum</i>	Moss Carder-bee	Resident. Widespread and generally uncommon, but locally common in North Isles
<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>	Common Carder-bee	Resident. Widespread and very common, but absent from North Ronaldsay. A fairly recent immigrant.
<i>Bombus soroeensis</i>	Broken-belted Bumblebee	Probable vagrant. Recorded once, in 2011. Resident in north Scotland
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	Buff-tailed Bumblebee	Resident. Widespread and common. A recent immigrant.
CUCKOO BEES		
<i>Bombus barbutellus</i>	Barbut's Cuckoo-bee	Resident. Rare, distribution unknown
<i>Bombus bohemicus</i>	Gypsy Cuckoo-bee	Resident. Widespread and fairly common except in outer North Isles
HONEY BEE		
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Western Honey Bee	Resident, domesticated only. Widespread.
SOLITARY BEES		
<i>Andrena coitana</i>	Small Flecked Mining Bee	Resident. Rare, Mainland only
<i>Andrena scotica</i>	Chocolate Mining Bee	Possibly resident. Recorded once, in 2018
<i>Andrena tarsata</i>	Tormentil Mining bee	Resident. Local and uncommon, Hoy and Mainland only
<i>Colletes succinctus</i>	Heather Colletes	Resident. Very local, Hoy only
SOCIAL WASPS		
<i>Dolichovespula norvegica</i>	Norwegian Wasp	Resident. Local, absent outer North Isles
<i>Dolichovespula sylvestris</i>	Tree wasp	Resident. Locally common, absent outer North Isles
<i>Vespula vulgaris</i>	Common Wasp	Resident. Very locally common, absent North Isles
<i>Vespa crabro</i>	Hornet	A stowaway. Recorded once, in 2018
CUCKOO AND SOLITARY WASPS		
<i>Ancistrocerus oviventris</i>	a mason wasp	Resident. Widespread, fairly common
<i>Ancistrocerus parietinus</i>	a mason wasp	Resident. Rare, Mainland only
<i>Ancistrocerus scoticus</i>	a mason wasp	Resident. Widespread but uncommon
<i>Chrysis ignita sens. lat.</i>	a cuckoo wasp	Resident. A cryptic species group including <i>C. impressa</i> and <i>C. rutiliventris</i> , which have been claimed. Local, Hoy and Mainland only
<i>Priocnemis parvula</i>	a spider-hunter wasp	Resident. Rare, Hoy and Mainland only
<i>Rhopalum clavipes</i>	a digger wasp	Resident? Recorded once, in 2011. Resident in north Scotland
<i>Vespula austriaca</i>	Cuckoo Wasp	Resident? Recorded twice, in 2006. Resident in north Scotland
ANTS		
<i>Formica lemani</i>	a black ant	Resident. Rare. South Ronaldsay only
<i>Lasius emarginatus</i>	The House Ant	An accidental introduction in vegetables. Recorded once, in 2004. A southern species, now resident in England
<i>Lasius niger sens. str.</i>	a black ant	An accidental introduction in Christmas trees. Recorded once, in 2019. A common species in Scotland.
<i>Leptothorax acervorum</i>	Slender Ant	Rarely recorded but status unknown. Probably overlooked and may be resident. Hoy and Mainland only. A common species in Scotland.
<i>Myrmica ruginodis</i>	a red ant	Resident. Widespread and locally common