

BEE WALK 3

Cobham Mausoleum Walks

(last updated 21 August 2017 - 4 walks to date)

Tue 23 May 2017

Weather: Dry, warm

1x early bee, buff tail, two yellow stripes, on bramble and fern

1x early bee, one stripe, on bramble

1x tree bumblebee, white tail, one brown stripe, on ?

1x buff tail, two stripes, on ?

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4 total

Mon 19 June 2017

Weather: Dry, hot

Red tails

1x red tail, no stripes, female worker, in shade, on bramble

1x red tail, no stripes, female worker, in sunlight

Buff tails

3x buff tail, female, two stripes, in sunlight

2x buff tail, ? stripes, in sunlight

1x buff tail, ? stripes, in shade, on bramble

1x buff tail, worker, two stripes, pointed tail, in shade on bramble

White tails

1x white tail, two stripes, worker or male?, in sunlight on bramble

Other

4x detail unknown, two stripes, in sunlight

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14 total

Mon 17 July 2017

Weather: Dry, very hot

Red tails

4x red tail, one yellow stripe, male, on ragwort

2x red tail, one yellow stripe, male, on thistle

1x red tail, one yellow stripe, male, small, on plant similar to lady's smock(?)

2x red tail, no stripes, female worker, pollen basket, hairy back legs, on white clover

1x red tail, no stripes, female worker, on vetch

1x red shank/red tail, on teasle

1x red shank/red tail on thistle

Buff tails

3x buff tail, female workers, with hairy pollen baskets, on bramble

1x buff tail, female worker, with hairy pollen baskets, on thistle

2x buff tail, worker, 2 stripes, with hairy pollen basket, on thistle

2x buff tail, worker, 2 stripes, on bramble
3x buff tail, worker, 2 stripes, on wild thyme*

Other

1x black&white fluffy striped pointed tail, one 'faded' pale yellow stripe, on thistle
(Could be four-coloured cuckoo bumblebee/bombus sylvestrus/forest bumblebee?)

2x detail unknown

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26 total bumblebees

Also about 2 dozen honey bees on ragwort, bramble etc.

*Wild thyme:

Grows 3 inches to 1 ft. The tiny flowers, pink or mauve, have a lovely aromatic scent, and are rich in nectar so are much frequented by bees. The stem creeps along the ground, sending up flowering stalks and the plant grows like a carpet. Flowers the whole summer.

Monday 21 August 2017

Weather: warm, dull, overcast, wet underfoot

1x red tail on ox-tongue(?)

1x small common cardar, worker, on white dead-nettle

1x small common cardar, worker (with pollen sacks), on thistle

1x small common cardar, male, on thistle

1x common cardar, male, on thistle

1x common cardar, male (black, longer), on thistle

3x common cardar on thistle

1x common cardar on bramble

1x gingery common cardar, on thistle

1x common cardar on ox-tongue(?)

12 total