

Bumblebees of the World

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Bombus sylvarum

is widespread throughout Europe to southern Fennoscandia.

It inhabits forest edges, park-like terrain, including gardens, (orchard) meadows, ditches and embankments. It prefers lowlands, but occurs in mountains up to altitudes of 1400 m. Queens and workers are conspicuous by their seemingly nervous flight. The nutrition of forest bumblebees consists of a variety of flowers, especially those that are complex in structure or have long corollas.

The species is threatened by habitat loss and agricultural intensification.

The reintroduction of flower-rich habitat mosaics can be targeted through private initiatives such as flowering strip corridors (using regional seeds) and species protection legislation.