

# Bumblebees of the World

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## **Bombus veteranus**

is a rare bumblebee species of the open terrain. It is found everywhere in Europe up to an altitude of 1000 m, except on the Iberian Peninsula, Ireland and Great Britain. In Europe it lives mostly near the coast.

As habitat, B. veteranus prefers embankments, roadsides, gardens and orchards, where it usually nests above ground.

Extensive agricultural fields once provided suitable habitat for this species until conversion to large-scale monocultures and the use of fertilizers. Now our gardens are becoming increasingly important for this and many other bumblebees.