

Bumblebees of the World

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Bombus terrestris

is one of the most common and also largest species of bumblebees in Europe. While native to Europe, *B. terrestris* has been introduced as a greenhouse pollinator into many foreign ecosystems. The presence of *B. terrestris* is becoming an ecological concern in many communities in which it is not native.

This species was introduced to Chile in 1998. Its spread has been detrimental to populations of *Bombus dahlbomii*, which is the only bumblebee species native to southern South America.

In 2008, the Australian government banned the live import of *B. terrestris* into mainland Australia on the grounds that it would present a significant risk of becoming a feral species and thereby present a threat to native fauna and flora.