

Bishop Road Bug Bingo




















Here are some of the most common insects you might find around your homes or gardens in Bristol at this time of year! How many can you cross off this spring?

Cross off the insects you find and add up the total points at the end of May. Happy Spotting!

+1 point for each insect spotted

+3 points for every row of four completed

+5 points for every column of five completed

			
Greater Bee fly	Large white butterfly	Rosemary beetle	Ichneumon wasp
			
Speckled wood butterfly	Ladybird larva	Variegated carpet beetle	Peacock butterfly
			
Black oil beetle	Buff tailed bumblebee	Red Admiral butterfly	Hawthorn shield bug
			
Mayfly	Painted Lady butterfly	Blow fly	Honey bee
			
Brimstone butterfly	Cockchafer beetle	Hover-fly	Six-spot burnet moth

Insect information and identification help sheet

Insect	Information
Greater bee fly	It's not a bee, but a fly that mimics a bee! This fly is completely harmless, and uses it's long proboscis like a straw to feed on the nectar in flowers
Large white butterfly	A common butterfly in the UK. It's caterpillars are often a pest of brassica plants such as cabbages and Brussel sprouts. Only females have black spots on their forewings.
Rosemary beetle	Originally from southern Europe, these beetles appeared in the UK in the 1990's. They live and feed on aromatic plants such as lavender, rosemary and thyme.
Ichneumon wasps	A group of parasitoid wasps that lay their eggs on other insects for their larvae to feed on. In the UK, their stings are harmless to humans.
Speckled wood butterfly	A butterfly often seen in the spring which is often found in woods, or places with mixed shade and sunlight.
Ladybird	There are many species of ladybird in the UK. Adults and larvae prey on aphids which are pests to many plants, so they can be helpful insects to have in your garden!
Variegated carpet beetle	Often considered a pest in UK households, the larvae of these beetles feed on feathers, hair, fur and wool. Adults come out in the spring and feed on pollen and nectar.
Peacock butterfly	Adults are commonly found in gardens and in the countryside throughout the summer. The caterpillars are most commonly found on nettles.
Black oil beetle	The most common of oil beetles found in the UK during spring. They are called oil beetles because they extrude an oily substance when they are alarmed.
Buff-tailed bumblebee	The largest species of bumblebee in the UK. They live in colonies of up to 600 individuals, and often live in the old nests of small mammals.
Red admiral butterfly	A common butterfly in the UK, spotted all throughout the spring to late in the summer. The caterpillar's main food plant is the common nettle.
Hawthorn shield bug	A very widespread shield bug in the UK. They feed mostly on hawthorn, but can be found on other trees including rowan. Adults hibernate over winter, and emerge in the spring to lay eggs.
Mayfly	They spend most of their lives in freshwater streams and rivers. Winged adults emerge at the same time, and only have their wings for a few hours to mate and lay eggs before they die.
Painted lady butterfly	A long distance migrant from North Africa and the Middle East, this butterfly often ends up in the UK in spring to late summer.
Blow fly	Often seen as pests, there are many species of blowfly which emerge when the temperature is warm enough. They feed by 'vomiting' onto rotting material to soften it up so they can eat it.
European Honey bee	The most common species of honey bee, maintained by beekeepers to produce honey and pollinate plants.
Brimstone butterfly	Often found flying in hedgerows, roadside verges and grasslands, this butterfly is fairly common to the UK. Caterpillars feed on buckthorn.
Cockchafer beetle	Also known as 'May bugs' as they come out in the evenings in May, these very noisy and clumsy flyers are actually harmless, despite the alarming noises they make!
Hoverfly	There are many species of hover flies in the UK. Although they look like wasps, they are completely harmless and use this mimicry for protection.
Six-spot burnet moth	The most common burnet moth in the UK, they are mostly found in flowery grasslands, and along grassy roadside verges.

Why not build a bug hotel to encourage some of these creatures to visit your gardens? Here is a helpful link on how to build your own bug hotel: https://www.edenproject.com/learn/for-everyone/how-to-build-an-insect-home?gclid=CjwKCAjwqJ_1BRBZEiwAv73uwISX27T6-victmQsXmbxCeJkPfOk2lFeQjDjTnbkhbyv5l8F8wtmGxoC-vwQAvD_BwE