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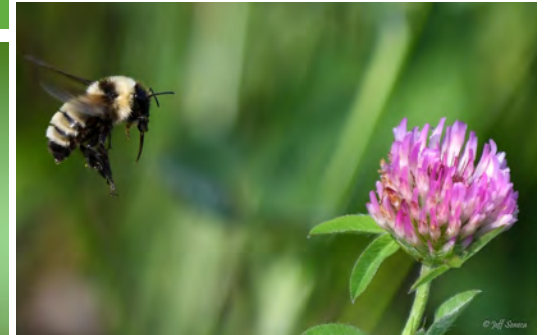
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Bumblebees: Did You Know?

Bumblebees Have Super Powers

Bumblebees are super fast! They can harvest pollen TWICE as fast as honeybees. Bumblebees also have the amazing ability to “buzz pollinate” by vibrating their wing muscles so fast they literally shake the pollen loose from a flower!

Bumblebees are Like Flying Teddy Bears

Bumblebees are gentle, furry bees—they are usually only interested in finding flowers. Female bumblebees have stingers but will only sting if you provoke them (or step on one with bare feet!).

Bumblebees Don't Have Ears

So...can bumblebees hear anything? Scientists don't know! However, they can feel vibrations made by sound travelling through wood or other materials.

Bumblebees Have Smelly Feet

Bumblebees leave “smelly footprints” on flowers with a sticky substance to help them remember which flowers they have visited before.

Bumblebees Collect Pollen in Baskets

Female bumblebees collect pollen from flowers, moisten it with saliva, and pack it into a “basket” on their legs. A full pollen basket can hold as many as ONE MILLION pollen grains! The nutritious high-protein pollen then gets taken back to the nest to feed young bees.

Bumblebees Use Their Tongues Like Straws!

Bumblebees use their tongues to slurp up sugary nectar from flowers. Some bumblebees, like the one in the photo, have really long tongues, and some have short tongues!

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