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OF THE  
**INSECTS OF THE BRITISH ISLES**

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Part 3

**HYMENOPTERA – APIDAE**

(*Bombus*:*Psithyrus*)

**Bumblebees**

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## INTRODUCTION

This third part of the Provisional Atlas of the Insects of the British Isles contains maps of all the British species of bumblebees prepared from records or specimens submitted by participants in the Bumblebee Distribution Maps Scheme. Some information from museum collections and literature sources is also added. Data are subdivided into two date classes "pre 1960" and "1960 onwards".

Although *Bombus pomorum* (21) is included, this species has not been recorded in Britain for well over 100 years; it is also questionable now whether the always rare and local *Bombus cullumanus* (6) still survives here. The map for *Bombus muscorum* (14) excludes the various 'smithianus' subspecies; these are given collectively under *Bombus muscorum smithianus* (15).

The arrangement of species follows the presently accepted order for the various subgenera of *Bombus* and *Psithyrus*. There is one specific name change, the familiar *Bombus agrorum* (Fabr.) being replaced by *Bombus pascuorum* (Scop.) (16).

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