

# Bumblebees of the World

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## **Bombus ternarius**

is distributed throughout the northeastern United States and much of Canada.

Ternarius refers to the number 3 - in this case, the three colours of the bee (red, yellow, black), and is the basis for the common name Tricolored Bumble Bee.

B. ternarius feeds on and collects both nectar and pollen - preferably on *Rubus*, goldenrod, *Vaccinium* and milkweed.

Prior to the introduction of western honeybees, bumblebees were the only honey-producing bees in North America; however, only small amounts are produced.