

Bumblebees of the World

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Bombus distinguendus

The range extends from Ireland, the west coast of Scotland and northern Scandinavia southeast to the Alps and further east to western Mongolia.

Its habitats include meadows (such as the exceptionally flower-rich coastal meadows), dams, sparse forests, and forest edges.

The species seems to have a special attachment to red clover.

Populations of this conspicuous and rare bumblebee have declined dramatically and the remaining populations require immediate protection.

The establishment of specially protected red clover-rich meadows with a special management regime has been successful in a few places in Scotland with the help of British bumblebee conservationists.