
NZ Bumblebee Conservation Trust

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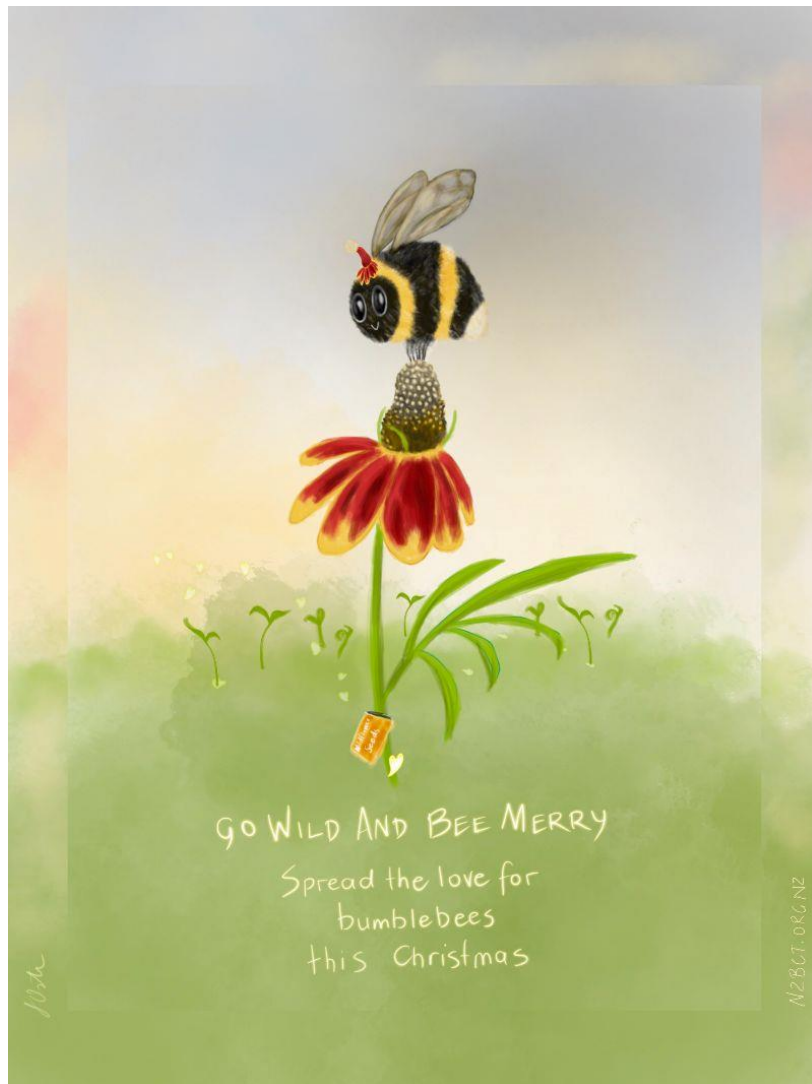
Garden to Table School Programme

November has been an amazing month for the Trust with the roll out of a new school education programme in association with Garden to Table. NZBCT sent out 800 books 'Bumblebees have Smelly Feet' to 80 schools and sent live bumblebee hives to 31 schools. Also, Trust members Geoff & Rachel along with Emma from Garden to Table visited 6 schools in the Tauranga region. The response has just been wonderful, seeing the children interact with the bumblebee story and learn about the importance of pollination. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped and to our fabulous sponsors. Here's some pics from Pahoiha School, St Mary's Catholic School, Maketu School, Whakamarama School, Rangiruru School & Pukehina School.



Christmas Bumblebees

Joanne Ostler from Cambridge has created this lovely Christmas themed bumblebee picture especially for the Trust. There are more on our [website](#)



Updating Website

We have a new FAQ page on our website. Here you will find lots of answers to your questions, particularly around what to do if you find a bumblebee nest. Check it out [here](#).



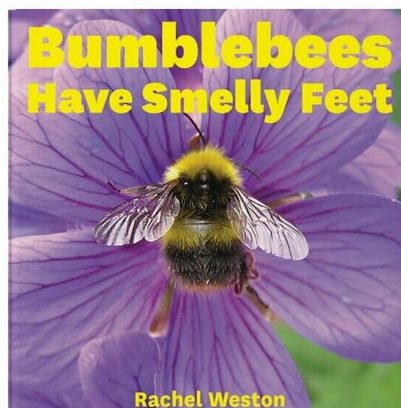
Shop bumblebee gifts this Christmas

Looking for the perfect gift for bumblebee lovers this festive season? We have bumblebee themed tea towels and tote bags plus fabulous children's bumblebee books. Also just released is a reprint of Geoff & Liz Brunsden's (Geoff is a co-founder of NZBCT) '**Wildflowers of New Zealand**' book. Every sale supports the work of the Trust to secure the future of our bumblebees. You'll find them all on our [website](#)



Bumblebees Have Smelly Feet

This is an amazing children's book (actually ideal for adults also) written by one of our Trustee's - Rachel Weston. This is the book that our Trust has sent to 80 schools. Learn some fascinating buzz facts on why bumblebees have whiffy feet, how their bodies work, their super power eyesight, their family life cycle, fun experiments and more! What a great Christmas present. The kids just love it.





This Month's Special

Bumblebee Tea Towels

**Were \$12 each,
Now 2 for \$20**

Food for Thought

English comedian Bill Bailey has recently been touring our country and interestingly enough talked about the critical importance of looking after our bees. Without bees many food crops will be gone as well as many clothing items and animal food. He quoted from Einstein " without bees, mankind as we know it will only have 4 years to live"

Another testimony for us to help the continuance of preserving our beloved bumblebees!

Help Support our Bumblebees

The future of bees in NZ is under threat. Bees are dealing with disease, battling changing environments, reduced green space and increasing use of toxic pesticide sprays.

YOU CAN HELP - Click on the bee and become a member today.

A small donation will go towards our education and conservation programmes.

www.nzbct.org.nz

Season's Greetings from the team at NZ Bumblebee Trust
