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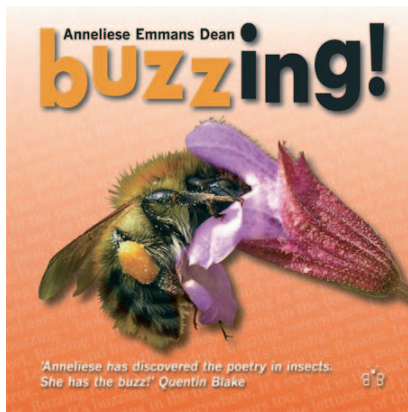
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Common Carder Bee

Bombus pascuorum

Jane Bond

On Her Majesty's Service

Jane Bond is a bee on a mission
 Seeking out pollen with furry precision
 Smart, preened, resourceful and keen
 She's determined to please her Queen.

Jane Bond has purpose and vision
 Committed to finding the finest nutrition
 From all the flowers she visits each day
 So her Queen can have her way.

Jane Bond is in peak condition
 Expertly executes each expedition
 As buds unfurl, she angles and curls
 To reach their nectar pearls.

Yes, Jane Bond has one goal on her mind
 So never forget her dangerous behind
 She's a bee on a mission, a bee who can't fail
 This is a bee with a sting in her tail!

BUG BOX

COMMON NAME	Common Carder Bee
SCIENTIFIC NAME	<i>Bombus pascuorum</i>
FAMILY	Apidae
ORDER	Hymenoptera
CLASS	Insecta
PHYLUM	Arthropoda
KINGDOM	Animalia

ADULTS

SIZE	10-15mm
FAVOURITE FOOD	Nectar from flowers
LIKE TO BE	Near flowers
SEE THEM	March to November



FACTABULOUS!

- ✧ The Common Carder Bee is a bumblebee.
- ✧ Only female bumblebees collect pollen, in special 'pollen baskets' on their back legs. (You can see one of Jane Bond's pollen baskets in the photo.)
- ✧ Jane Bond is a 'worker bee'. All worker bees are female, and they serve their queen bee by taking pollen back to the nest to feed to their younger sisters (and later on, their brothers too).
- ✧ Only female bumblebees can sting.