

Supplemental Files for:

Using Bumble Bee Watch to investigate the accuracy and perception of bumble bee (*Bombus* spp.) identification by community scientists

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MacPhail et al. 2020. Accuracy of Citizen Scientists on Bumble Bee Watch. Peer J. Supplemental Table S1. The number and relative percent abundance of bumble bee (*Bombus* spp) records, and their expert review status per province, territory, or state, as used in our analyses of user accuracy. Ranks relate the standing of each jurisdiction regarding the relative percent of records submitted from that jurisdiction, with a higher relative abundance yielding a higher rank; tied ranks indicate identical percentages.

Province, State, Territory	# Invalid Records	# Verified Records	Total # Records	Relative Percent Abundance	Rank
Alabama	43	13	56	0.25	30
Alaska	0	2	2	0.01	58
Alberta	63	1077	1140	5.14	6
Arizona	9	3	12	0.05	50
Arkansas	3	3	6	0.03	51
British Columbia	36	474	510	2.30	8
California	167	217	384	1.73	9
Colorado	11	60	71	0.32	26
Connecticut	4	2	6	0.03	51
Delaware	1	14	15	0.07	47
District of Columbia	0	3	3	0.01	58
Florida	28	11	39	0.18	34
Georgia	25	16	41	0.19	32
Idaho	68	2234	2302	10.39	4
Illinois	22	102	124	0.56	17
Indiana	22	32	54	0.24	31
Iowa	8	74	82	0.37	24
Kansas	8	6	14	0.06	48
Kentucky	7	7	14	0.06	48
Louisiana	4	1	5	0.02	56
Maine	6	82	88	0.40	19
Manitoba	17	222	239	1.08	12
Maryland	20	50	70	0.32	26
Massachusetts	19	68	87	0.39	21
Michigan	34	154	188	0.85	15
Minnesota	96	1458	1554	7.01	5
Mississippi	5	2	7	0.03	51
Missouri	16	23	39	0.18	34
Montana	10	29	39	0.18	34
Nebraska	6	33	39	0.18	34
Nevada	13	5	18	0.08	44
New Brunswick	10	179	189	0.85	15
New Hampshire	7	29	36	0.16	38
New Jersey	12	22	34	0.15	39

Province, State, Territory	# Invalid Records	# Verified Records	Total # Records	Relative Percent Abundance	Rank
New Mexico	3	4	7	0.03	51
New York	16	74	90	0.41	18
Newfoundland and Labrador	13	59	72	0.32	26
North Carolina	19	41	60	0.27	29
North Dakota	1	16	17	0.08	44
Northwest Territories	4	2	6	0.03	51
Nova Scotia	19	324	343	1.55	11
Ohio	60	150	210	0.95	13
Oklahoma	4	14	18	0.08	44
Ontario	611	5536	6147	27.74	1
Oregon	190	2347	2537	11.45	3
Pennsylvania	26	60	86	0.39	21
Prince Edward Island	0	43	43	0.19	32
Quebec	20	360	380	1.71	10
Rhode Island	1	3	4	0.02	56
Saskatchewan	15	192	207	0.93	14
South Carolina	15	14	29	0.13	40
South Dakota	1	2	3	0.01	58
Tennessee	11	11	22	0.10	42
Texas	49	28	77	0.35	25
Utah	8	16	24	0.11	41
Vermont	2	82	84	0.38	23
Virginia	26	63	89	0.40	19
Washington	115	3310	3425	15.46	2
West Virginia	1	1	2	0.01	58
Wisconsin	33	616	649	2.93	7
Wyoming	3	16	19	0.09	43
Yukon	0	2	2	0.01	58
Grand Total	2066	20093	22159	100.00	

MacPhail et al. 2020. Accuracy of Citizen Scientists on Bumble Bee Watch. Peer J. Supplemental Table S2. Results of Chi-Square (χ^2) or Fisher's Exact Tests (FET) and Cohen's Kappa values investigating the agreement between user submitted and expert identifications for all records in the Bumble Bee Watch citizen science program, as evaluated on a per species basis. When the Chi-square test assumption of expected values being >0 and 80% of records being >5 were not met, FET were conducted to provide the significance (p) values. No statistic value is provided by the FET in these instances. As there were no verified records of *B. variabilis* despite user-submitted identifications, no Chi-Square or Kappa values could be calculated. The degrees of freedom associated with the Chi-Square and FET statistic was 1 for each species when considered separately and 1681 for all species together. Significance levels for Kappa were <0.0001 except for *B. bohemicus*, which was 0.96. Cohen's Kappa values as per Landis and Koch (1977): <0 : no observer agreement; 0–0.20: slight observer agreement; 0.21–0.40: fair observer agreement; 0.41–0.60: moderate observer agreement; 0.61–0.80: substantial observer agreement; 0.81–1: almost perfect observer agreement.

<i>Bombus</i> species	x ² or FET test?	Chi-Square (x ²) Value	Sig. Value for x ² or FET	Kappa Value
<i>affinis</i>	x ²	9,144.64	<0.0001	0.59
<i>appositus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.47
<i>auricomus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.49
<i>bifarius</i>	x ²	12,117.38	<0.0001	0.74
<i>bimaculatus</i>	x ²	8,479.12	<0.0001	0.62
<i>bohemicus</i>	FET	n/a	1.00	0.00
<i>borealis</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.69
<i>caliginosus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.29
<i>centralis</i>	x ²	10,162.21	<0.0001	0.67
<i>citrinus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.44
<i>crotchii</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.57
<i>cryptarum</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.54
<i>fervidus</i>	x ²	7,999.26	<0.0001	0.60
<i>flavidus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.54
<i>flavifrons</i>	x ²	7,436.08	<0.0001	0.57
<i>franklini</i>	x ²	7,374.49	<0.0001	0.57
<i>fraternus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.63
<i>frigidus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.37
<i>griseocollis</i>	x ²	8,985.17	<0.0001	0.63
<i>huntii</i>	x ²	12,375.80	<0.0001	0.74
<i>impatiens</i>	x ²	9,755.90	<0.0001	0.65
<i>insularis</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.32
<i>kirbiellus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.04
<i>melanopygus</i>	x ²	6,553.95	<0.0001	0.54
<i>mixtus</i>	x ²	11,561.33	<0.0001	0.71
<i>morrisoni</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.60

<i>nevadensis</i>	χ^2	11,989.26	<0.0001	0.74
<i>occidentalis</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.71
<i>pensylvanicus</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.41
<i>perplexus</i>	χ^2	9,995.50	<0.0001	0.67
<i>rufocinctus</i>	χ^2	4,183.46	<0.0001	0.43
<i>sandersoni</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.05
<i>sitkensis</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.42
sp.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>suckleyi</i>	FET	n/a	0.002	0.04
<i>sylvicola</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.22
<i>ternarius</i>	χ^2	12,490.63	<0.0001	0.74
<i>terricola</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.72
Unknown (Non- <i>Bombus</i>)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>vagans</i>	χ^2	4,287.25	<0.0001	0.44
<i>vagans</i> , <i>sandersoni</i> or <i>perplexus</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>vandykei</i>	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.43
<i>variabilis</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>vosnesenskii</i>	χ^2	10,642.80	<0.0001	0.69
<i>vosnesenskii</i> or <i>caliginosus</i>	FET	n/a	0.017	0.01
Grand Total	FET	n/a	<0.0001	0.50

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IUCN Red List	IUCN Red List	Percent Agreement (total n= 37)			Veracity (total n= 35)		
		Marginal Mean Difference	Std. Error	Sig.	Marginal Mean Difference	Std. Error	Sig.
1	2	18.95	10.230	.384	-15.33	5.802	.049
	3	18.02	4.943	.002	-40.50	4.845	<0.001
	4	46.19	12.669	.002	-44.50	3.078	<0.001
2	1	-18.95	10.230	.384	15.33	5.802	.049
	3	-.93	9.081	1.000	-25.17	6.359	<0.001
	4	27.24	14.783	.392	-29.17	5.142	<0.001
3	1	-18.02	4.943	.002	40.50	4.845	<0.001
	2	.93	9.081	1.000	25.17	6.359	<0.001
	4	28.17	11.761	.100	-4.00	4.031	1.000
4	1	-46.19	12.669	.002	44.50	3.078	<0.001
	2	-27.24	14.783	.392	29.17	5.142	<0.001
	3	-28.17	11.761	.100	4.00	4.031	1.000

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IUCN Red List	Variable	Standard Mean			Estimated Marginal Means	
		Mean	Std. Deviation	N	Mean	Std. Error
1	Percent Agreement	61.5224	24.5961	25	61.52	4.828
2	Percent Agreement	42.5514	25.81192	7	42.57	9.019
3	Percent Agreement	43.78	2.36174	2	43.50	1.061
4	Percent Agreement	15.1967	24.70269	3	15.33	11.713
1	Veracity	53.9892	14.71108	25	54.00	2.889
2	Veracity	69.34	13.36435	6	69.33	5.031
3	Veracity	94.445	7.85596	2	94.50	3.889
4	Veracity	98.26	2.46073	2	98.50	1.061

MacPhail et al. 2020. Using Bumble Bee Watch to investigate the accuracy of bumble bee (*Bombus* spp.) identification by community scientists . Peer J. Supplemental Table S5. A comparison of the species names as submitted by users to those species names later assigned by experts. The original user submitted species names are along the first row, and the expert identifications are down the first column. Numbers in each cell relate to the total numbers of records that match both the user-submitted species name in the first row and the expert-reviewed species name (or category) in the first columns of the table.

	Row: observer-submitted species name															
Column: expert-reviewed species name	affinis	appositus	auricomus	bifarius	bimaculatus	bohemicus	borealis	caliginosus	centralis	citrinus	crotchii	cryptarum	fervidus	flavidus	flavifrons	franklini
affinis	333															
appositus		138			7								6		2	
auricomus			72						2				2			
bifarius		2		985									10	3	9	
bimaculatus	45		5		800	2	2				7		1		2	
bohemicus													2			
borealis	2		3				191						40			
caliginosus								43								
centralis		2		22					291						15	
citrinus	8				1					43			1			
crotchii			1								8					
cryptarum												40	2			
fervidus		2	1	10			12	3	1		1		368	2	1	
flavidus				2									5	57		
flavifrons		9	2	19						35		1		12	1	461
franklini																
fraternus																
frigidus				1												
griseocollis	64		5	2	36			1		1			3		25	
huntii		3		27					4				2		3	
impatiens	207		41		246	9				16	2		25		12	
insularis		2		20									42	16	4	
kirbiellus																
melanopygus		1	1	35				1	35		1				21	
mixtus		1		20			1	1	4		1		2	3	27	
morrisoni		1												1		
nevadensis	1	1		1									3		4	
occidentalis				3									2			
pensylvanicus			10								1		5			
perplexus					10		1				6		3			
rufocinctus	12	2	9	28	10	2	4	2	9	3			12		13	
sandersoni													3			
sitkensis		4		1									1		14	
suckleyi																
sylvicola		1		3												
ternarius	30			9			3				2		2			
terricola			8										4			
Unknown/Not a bumble bee	34	6	25	13	29	13	4	3	1	16	1		32	2	16	4
vagans	7		1	11	22				1	2			4		26	
vagans, sandersoni or perplexus	19			5		12	1				5		4			
vandykei				7									2			
variabilis																
vosnesenskii		1		2				95			1		28		1	
vosnesenskii or caliginosus								83		1			14	3	1	
Grand Total	762	176	189	1228	1166	27	220	232	381	100	19	40	643	87	656	5

	Row: observer-submitted species name															
Column: expert-reviewed species name	fraternus	frigidus	griseocollis	huntii	impatiens	insularis	kirbiellus	melanopygus	mixtus	morrisoni	nevadensis	occidentalis	pensylvanicus	perplexus	rufocinctus	sandersoni
affinis			1													
appositus				1				3	2	1	1	2				
auricomus	2					2					1		10			
bifarius				6		8	1	24			1	17			26	
bimaculatus	1		62		131		4				3		2	1	34	13
bohemicus																
borealis						1	5				5	1	5		5	2
caliginosus						1										
centralis		3	2	17			14	22	6						15	
citrinus	1		2		6	1							1	1	1	1
crotchii																
cryptarum							1					26				
fervidus	1				1	1	7	3	1	1	9	8	6		9	1
flavidus						1	3	1	2	4		2			3	
flavifrons		3	19	2			16	17	8	6	9	11	1		19	
franklini																
fraternus	20															
frigidus		14						1	1						1	
griseocollis	3		921		120	1		1		3	23			2	31	5
huntii				446			2	26	1		1				15	
impatiens	11	1	133		2539	5	5				5	1	22	5	33	23
insularis			2		1	75	2		1		5	4			8	
kirbiellus							3									
melanopygus				23		1	7	309	10			8			19	
mixtus		6		1	1		21	16	437			6			24	
morrisoni										32	4				2	
nevadensis			10		6					4	333			1	19	
occidentalis												218			1	
pensylvanicus	1						2				1	3	45			
perplexus			12		5	2	2	1		1	12			98	11	24
rufocinctus		16	9	20	9	3	10	36			1	1	4	2	422	16
sandersoni						1		2							4	
sitkensis								1	15			4			3	
suckleyi																
sylvicola				1				4							1	
ternarius		10		7			6	24	2			1	3		132	
terrerala			1		1	1		1				5	8			2
Unknown/Not a bumble bee	4	2	70	7	106	15	19	20	4	9	6	28	10	4	52	15
vagans			28		28	2	1	1			34			2	11	4
vagans, sandersoni or perplexus			9		36		1	1					7	2	6	17
vandykei						6	1			2	1				2	
variabilis																
vosnesenskii			1		1	55		1			1	22				
vosnesenskii or caliginosus			1		1	33		2		1		6			1	
Grand Total	44	55	1283	531	2994	216	134	517	491	60	457	372	124	118	906	127

	Row: observer-submitted species name											
Column: expert-reviewed species name	sitkensis	sp.	suckleyi	sylvicola	ternarius	terricola	vagans	vandykei	variabilis	vosnesenskii	vosnesenskii or caliginosus	Grand Total
affinis		11										345
appositus		34	1									198
auricomus		6			1	7						105
bifarius	2	250	14	26	1	1		1				1387
bimaculatus		183				2	35		5			1340
bohemicus												2
borealis		60		4		4						328
caliginosus		3						1		12		60
centralis		63		3	1							476
citrinus		13				4	7		3			94
crotchii												9
cryptarum	4	31				3						107
fervidus		91	6	6		2				9		563
flavidus		39	1	4		1						125
flavifrons	13	241		5		1	3	4		1		919
franklini												0
fraternus												20
frigidus		2										20
griseocollis		229			2		35		7			1520
huntii		85	1	32	11							659
impatiens		747	1	4	1	3	55		52	1		4205
insularis		41	16	1								240
kirbiellus												3
melanopygus		103	2	19	3							599
mixtus	9	144		5		1						731
morrisoni		6										46
nevadensis		46					13					442
occidentalis		15				1			2			242
pensylvanicus		19				6						93
perplexus		78					31					297
rufocinctus		199	4	17	32	6	23		1			937
sandersoni		5				2	4					21
sitkensis	38	31					1					113
suckleyi			1									1
sylvicola		12		24								46
ternarius		184		10	727	2						1154
terricola		49				198	1					279
Unknown/Not a bumble bee	1	1333	2	7	11	13	10	1	73	16		2037
vagans		107	2			6	239					539
vagans, sandersoni or perplexus					1	5	59					292
vandykei		17	1	1				25		4		69
variabilis												0
vosnesenskii		200						9		694		1112
vosnesenskii or caliginosus		97	1	2				7		129	1	384
Grand Total	67	4876	53	170	791	268	516	48	141	868	1	22159

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Supplemental Table S6. The number of unique users who submitted records for each expert-reviewed species, and summary statistics related to the number of observations per person and per species. The number of minimum records per user excluded zeros.

Verified Species	# Verified Records	# Unique Users	Mean # Records /User	SE Mean	Max # Records Per User	Min # Records Per User	Relative Percent Max Records Per User
<i>affinis</i>	345	136	2.54	0.36	31	1	8.99
<i>appositus</i>	198	82	2.41	0.29	19	1	9.60
<i>auricomus</i>	105	61	1.72	0.26	13	1	12.38
<i>bifarius</i>	1387	213	6.51	0.89	134	1	9.66
<i>bimaculatus</i>	1340	281	4.77	0.34	77	1	5.75
<i>bohemicus</i>	2	1	2.00		2	2	100.00
<i>borealis</i>	328	180	1.82	0.18	23	1	7.01
<i>caliginosus</i>	60	22	2.73	0.65	11	1	18.33
<i>centralis</i>	476	175	2.72	0.31	31	1	6.51
<i>citrinus</i>	94	54	1.74	0.26	11	1	11.70
<i>crotchii</i>	9	5	1.80	0.58	4	1	44.44
<i>cryptarum</i>	107	70	1.53	0.19	12	1	11.21
<i>fervidus</i>	563	273	2.06	0.16	32	1	5.68
<i>flavidus</i>	125	45	2.78	0.48	16	1	12.80
<i>flavifrons</i>	919	219	4.20	0.55	76	1	8.27
<i>fraternus</i>	20	12	1.67	0.25	5	1	25.00
<i>frigidus</i>	20	12	1.67	0.58	8	1	40.00
<i>griseocollis</i>	1520	268	5.67	0.24	84	1	5.53
<i>huntii</i>	659	267	2.47	0.20	27	1	4.10
<i>impatiens</i>	4205	1447	2.91	0.33	271	1	6.73
<i>insularis</i>	240	87	2.76	0.44	25	1	10.42
<i>kirbiellus</i>	3	3	1.00	0.00	1	1	33.33
<i>melanopygus</i>	599	263	2.28	0.17	33	1	5.51
<i>mixtus</i>	731	217	3.37	0.43	54	1	7.39
<i>morrisoni</i>	46	34	1.35	0.11	3	1	6.52
<i>nevadensis</i>	442	241	1.83	0.14	20	1	4.52
<i>occidentalis</i>	242	96	2.52	0.32	22	1	9.09
<i>pensylvanicus</i>	93	72	1.29	0.11	6	1	6.45
<i>perplexus</i>	297	153	1.94	0.24	28	1	9.43
<i>rufocinctus</i>	937	256	3.66	0.19	32	1	3.42
<i>sandersoni</i>	21	17	1.24	0.14	3	1	14.29
<i>sitkensis</i>	113	40	2.83	0.55	16	1	14.16
<i>suckleyi</i>	1	1	1.00		1	1	100.00
<i>sylvicola</i>	46	15	3.07	1.17	14	1	30.43
<i>ternarius</i>	1154	250	4.62	0.28	100	1	8.67

Verified Species	# Verified Records	# Unique Users	Mean # Records /User	SE Mean	Max # Records Per User	Min # Records Per User	Relative Percent Max Records Per User
<i>terricola</i>	279	136	2.05	0.26	21	1	7.53
Unknown/non - <i>Bombus</i>	2037	248	8.21	0.03	20	1	0.98
<i>vagans</i>	539	200	2.70	0.28	28	1	5.19
<i>vagans</i> , <i>sandersoni</i> or <i>perplexus</i>	292	187	1.56	0.16	22	1	7.53
<i>vandykei</i>	69	19	3.63	0.76	11	1	15.94
<i>vosnesenskii</i>	1112	243	4.58	0.25	53	1	4.77
<i>vosnesenskii</i> or <i>caliginosus</i>	384	241	1.59	0.09	11	1	2.86
totals overall all species combined	22159	4912	4.51	0.27	448	1	2.02