

European Hornet *Vespa crabro* feeding on bumblebees at Trench Wood.

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On 30th August 2022 I visited Trench Wood which was buzzing with insects, including good numbers of European Hornets *Vespa crabro*. Searching for one that would stay still long enough for me to photograph it, I found one that had captured another large insect. This turned out to be a Common Carder Bee *Bombus pascuorum*. It made me wonder if this is a common prey species for the Hornets, and which other species Hornets capture?



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