

Supplementary Material

1 Experimental setup of bumble bees in the field

Bumble bee colonies were placed adjacent to five commercial strawberry fields (*Fragaria x Ananassa*) in southern lower Saxony and Northern Hesse. Surrounding landscape was mapped using a geographic information system (ESRI ArcGIS, Version 10.3.1) within a radius of 2000 m around the strawberry fields. The range of 2000 m is a common foraging range of *B. terrestris* (Westphal et al., 2006). The surroundings are characterized by an agricultural landscape matrix ($61.86 \% \pm 9.03$), semi-natural habitats ($6.28 \% \pm 0.69$), urban area ($21.62 \% \pm 6.96$) and forests (6.78 ± 1.96). The agricultural landscape matrix includes flowering crops such as oilseed rape and strawberry but also diverse resources along tree lines or roadsides. Semi-natural habitats include for example hedges or meadow orchards. While urban area consists of a large amount of concealed area, it can provide many resources in gardens and parks as well.

References

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