

Botanical Garden Munich-Nymphenburg: Wild bee project

To find out more about endangered wild bee species, scientists from the Bavarian State Collection for Botany (SNSB-BSM) and Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (LMU) conducted a “hands-on project” in the Botanical Garden Munich-Nymphenburg (SNSB-BGM) in 2017 and 2018. In the process, hundreds of wild bees were given back numbers. By individually marking the out-migrating wild bees, of which there are over 100 species in the Botanical Garden, it was possible to find out how far these bees fly in search of pollen or nectar from specific flowers, mates, or new nesting sites. In spring 2017 and 2018 Munich citizens were called upon to discover the numbered wild bees and report their observations.

In both years, over 200 “Citizen Scientists” participated in the project and reported their bee sightings.

Further information about the wild bee project can be found in the SNSB Annual Bulletin 2016/2017 and in the corresponding press releases.