



Illinois ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES



rusty patched bumble bee *Bombus affinis* [state and federally endangered]

The rusty patched bumble bee is a short-tongued bee. It nests under the surface of the ground. Queens are active from April through October. Workers are active from June through October. Males are active from July through October. These bees are important pollinators of the flowers that they visit to collect nectar and pollen.

Reasons for Concern

- loss and degradation of prairie and grasslands habitats
- pesticides
- diseases
- intensive farming

