How a bee sees

This document summarises the information found in the interactive image it accompanies.

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Introduction

Bees see colours a bit differently to us; they do not see the colour red, but they can see 'UV' light, which humans can't see without a UV lamp. UV lamps are the blue lights used by police to see evidence at a crime scene.

Below, there are two images of a garden (with annotated descriptions). One image shows the garden as a human would see it, and the other image shows the garden as a bee would see it.

Human view of the garden

Bee view of the garden

