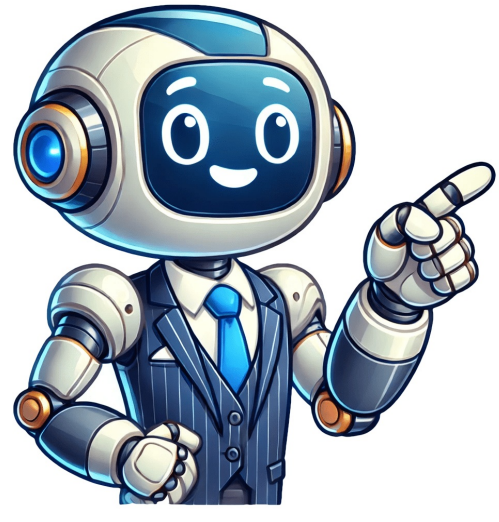


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thereby giving the winter bees the best chance to get into the spring. However, I take the point that has been made that making a split, albeit a very small one of 1 frame of emerging brood and stores each, when the queen should be winding down her laying, goes against the grain somewhat. I will do a bit more research and obviously monitor my hives. People in my association have been rather clear of the benefits of having an overwintered nuc with a decent queen going into winter as a insurance policy. Laurence's videos seem to fit the bill in terms of timing however I take that he isn't the font of all knowledge on everything. Your 3 hives are already an insurance policy - winter losses can be made up by doing ASes in spring. And if no losses, an easy time to make increase. much rubbish spouted at local associations - especially when it comes to splitting hives to have a nuc to overwinter as 'insurance' a split, albeit a very small one of 1 frame of emerging brood and stores each, that's not a split - it's a death sentence, unless you're making up early queen mating nucs much rubbish spouted at local associations - especially when it comes to splitting hives to have a nuc to overwinter as 'insurance' that's not a split - it's a death sentence, unless you're making up early queen mating nucs Wow. Ok well maybe not then, seems there is a consensus of opinion NOT to do this - saves me a job which if I'm honest was worrying me a little, given my limited experience. Just for information, this is the playlist I watched. Overwintered nucs playlist - black mountain honey He's the guy I got one of my colonies from and was very helpful and from research around the web, seems quite respected for his advice. But honestly thank you all, I'm no snowflake and if I'm doing something wrong then I want to know because that's how I learn! But I will add that it's tough as the initial advice is 'do reasearch', 'do a course' (I have done), 'join your local association' (I also have done) and then, as I have alluded to, when you speak to other beeks, either online or in person, much of the advice or learning you have been given conflicts with that. It's all very confusing! Nothing wrong in principle with making up a weak nuc to accept a mated posted queen, but at the dead end of summer it will have a struggle to survive wasps & robbing. Moving to another apiary will keep the nuc strong, but by remaining in the same apiary it would lose the flyers (less likely to accept a new travelled queen) which will have returned to the mother colony. In which case, it would be more practical to make & shake from a colony with supers, and shake in supers (house) bees. Last edited: Jun 27, 2025 You've just got to remember to shake a good framefulls of bees into the nuc, stuff a bit of fresh grass in to block the entrance, by the time they've worked their way out, they're settled Hello all We have had the pleasure of a Bluetit nesting in our camera box this year (first time in five years!) however the box was invaded by a queen Bumble Bee. Big scrap between Bee and female Bluetit took place. Queen left, but came back and I haven't seen her since, but have a nasty feeling she may have nested in a corner of the box, as I can occasionally hear faint, intermittent buzzing and have seen at least one worker bee come in who was chased off by the Bluetit. The Bluetit is coming in and roosting every evening regardless. So my question is, can I/should I interfere in some way, or is it down to nature to decide, and what is the likely outcome? Leave it be. There are plenty of Blue Tits and Blue Tit nesting boxes but Bumble Bees are suffering as are all Bees. I've got Bumble bees in one of my bird boxes and I'm happy to have them take over and enjoy watching there comings and goings. Hi there and a warm welcome to you from those of us on staff here at BirdForum :t: I agree with Phil. I'd leave it all be. Hi and welcome to BirdForum. I hope you enjoy your time here :t: Greetings and a warm welcome to Birdforum. :t: I agree with the others: leave the bee be. Hi luckyoldme and a warm welcome from me too. I'm sure you will enjoy it here and I hope to hear about all the birds you see when out and about. Yes, I agree with others... let them get on with it and enjoy the battle (if there is one that is)!!! Welcome to BirdForum! I am sure you will find lots to interest you here, and I hope you enjoy your visits. Thank you all for the warm welcome and advice. Yep, I have left well alone and let nature take its course. In this instance the Blue Tit has won out after laying eggs there was a right old scrap and the Bumble Bee Queen appears to has gone. Maybe she will come back later, when the BTs have finished? Either way, I will put out a box specifically for Bees next year! Last edited: Apr 17, 2015 I will put out a box specifically for Bees next year! That's an excellent idea luckyoldme!! Good luck to the Blue Tits, I hope they raise a successful brood. She has just started sitting on the (we think) nine eggs today. I feel like a big kid again watching it Thank you all for the warm welcome and advice. Yep, I have left well alone and let nature take its course. In this instance the Blue Tit has won out after laying eggs there was a right old scrap and the Bumble Bee Queen appears to has gone. Maybe she will come back later, when the BTs have finished? Either way, I will put out a box specifically for Bees next year! Yea, I've built a bumble box this year but a bit too late. If a bumble be takes up residence next year what's to stop another bee going for the blue tit box? I see a bee come and go from the nest box even after the eggs havee hatched... Can they cohabit like a flat share? Hello and welcome to the forum, enjoy and all the best. Hola! Welcome to Birdforum The Bees most often trying to take over nest boxes are Tree Bees. Hello, I was wondering if you could offer me some advice as beekeepers. Just under the eaves of my house are some air bricks/vents. The other end of the vents are located in a bedroom quite high up on the wall. Bees are entering the holes in the airvents, so must be living inside the vent or wall cavity somewhere. They are bees entering every 20 seconds or so. What are my options with this do you think? Leave them alone to live there? Or try and get the hive removed? I am not sure how the hive would be removed without taking bricks out of the wall. I have never seen any bees entering our house, but the air vents lead into my daughters bedroom so I am quite concerned about it. Thanks Just been on the phone to my Mom, She also has bumbles going into an air-vent. Must bee a bumble thing this year, anyway they taped up the internal vent so no bumbles can enter the room but they are free to come and go as they please from outside , Rent free I might add ... Must bee a bumble thing this year, anyway they taped up the internal vent so no bumbles can enter the room but they are free to come and go as they please from outside , Rent free I might add ... depending on how old the house/vent... older vents were often just an air brick inside and out so insects could go through, more modern ones have a fly screen inside. if no bees have been seen inside, I'd suggest not blocking the vent up, otherwise the airflow the house needs will be restricted, more important in winter with condensation and mould, but especially if there are any older gas appliances in the house that need a fresh air supply at any time of year. £11.42 (£152.27 / l) Smidge Insect Repellent Cream (75ml) Amazon.co.uk I got a nice recovery today.. bees into airvent which led to bathroom extractor fan fitted in loft space.. With householders permission I cut the section of telescopic tubing which contained the bees , collapsed it slightly to fit into a box and closed it up quickly. Got the whole colony except for about 15! They had been there a few days as one piece of white comb being developed within the tube. Safely in Nuc. Householders prefer new tubing to bee colony. Quickest collection yet. Now that is a cool one Heather! Never caught/seen a swarm.Would love to get one this year, fingers crossed!

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