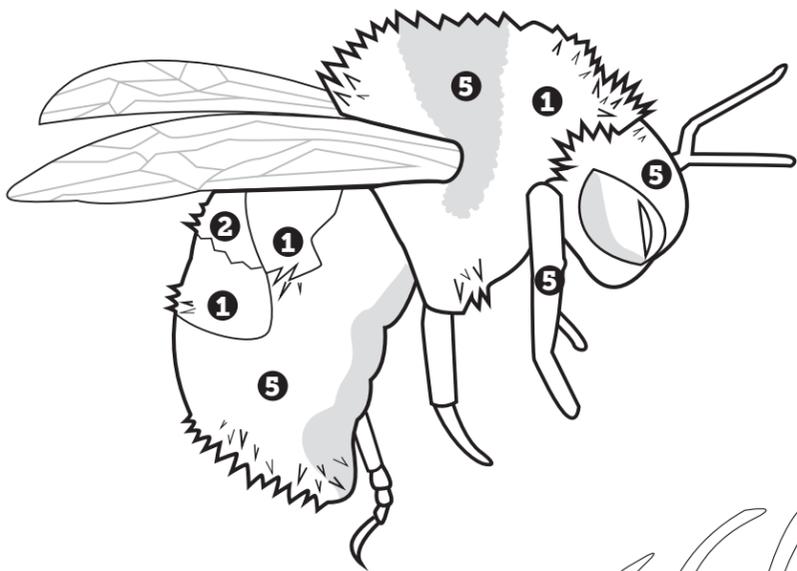


Virginia is home to 32,000 species of plants and animals. About 1,600 are considered rare.

The Virginia Natural Heritage Program tracks and protects rare plants, animals and natural communities.

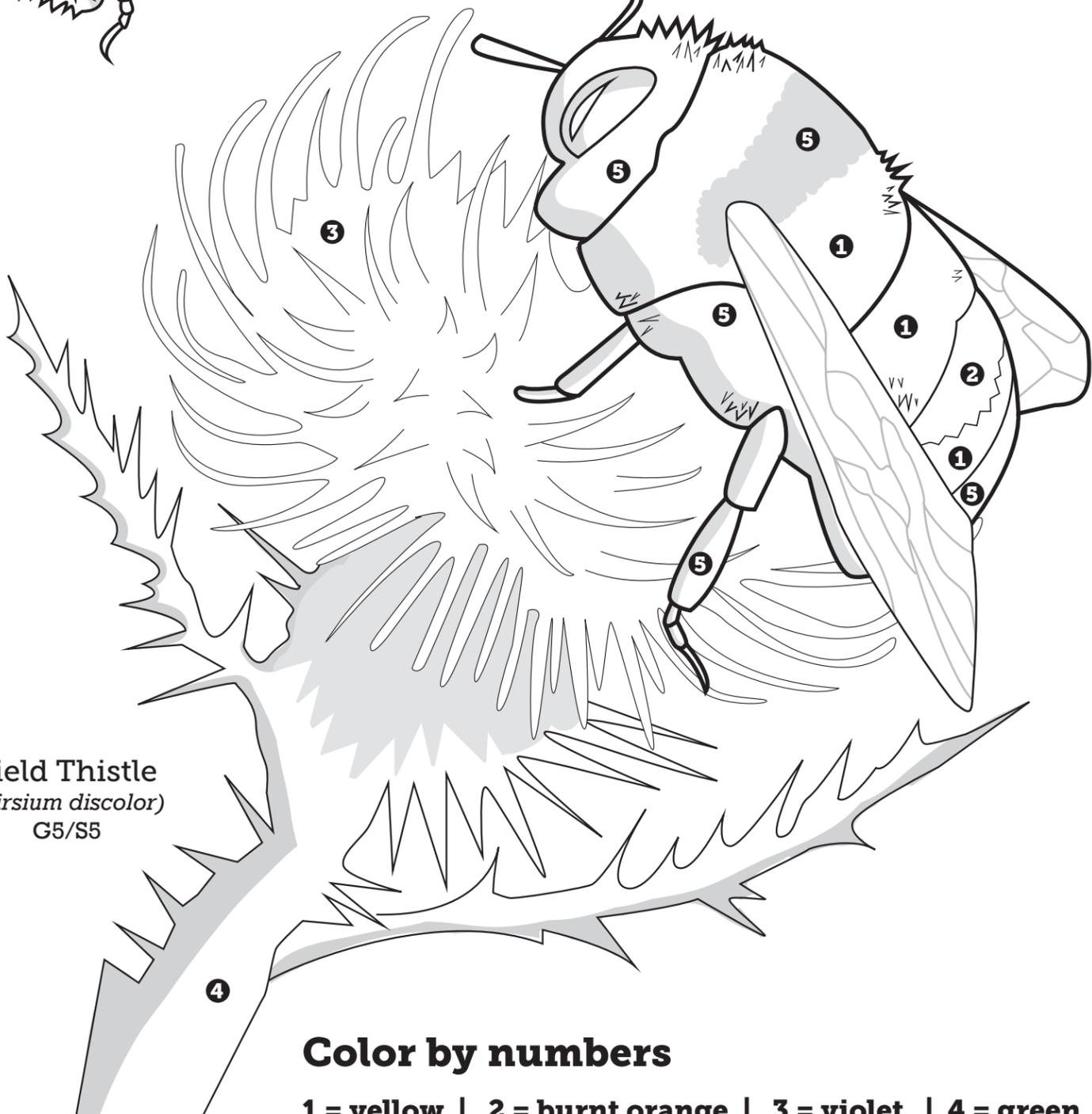
Rusty-patched Bumblebee
(*Bombus affinis*)
G1/S1



Rusty-patched bumblebees gather pollen and nectar from flowering plants. As pollinators, they are important for wildflower reproduction and creating seeds and fruit for wildlife such as birds and bears. They also pollinate crops such as blueberries, cranberries and tomatoes.

You can help the rusty-patched bumblebee by planting a garden, using native plants and limiting the use of chemicals on your yard.

Field Thistle
(*Cirsium discolor*)
G5/S5



Color by numbers

1 = yellow | 2 = burnt orange | 3 = violet | 4 = green | 5 = black