



# Alaska Natural Heritage Program

## Conservation Status Report

### *Bombus sitkensis* Nylander, 1848

**Common Name:** Sitka Bumble Bee

**ELCODE:** IIHYM24230

**Taxonomic Serial No.:** 714835

*Synonyms:* *Pyrobombus sitkensis* Nylander, 1848

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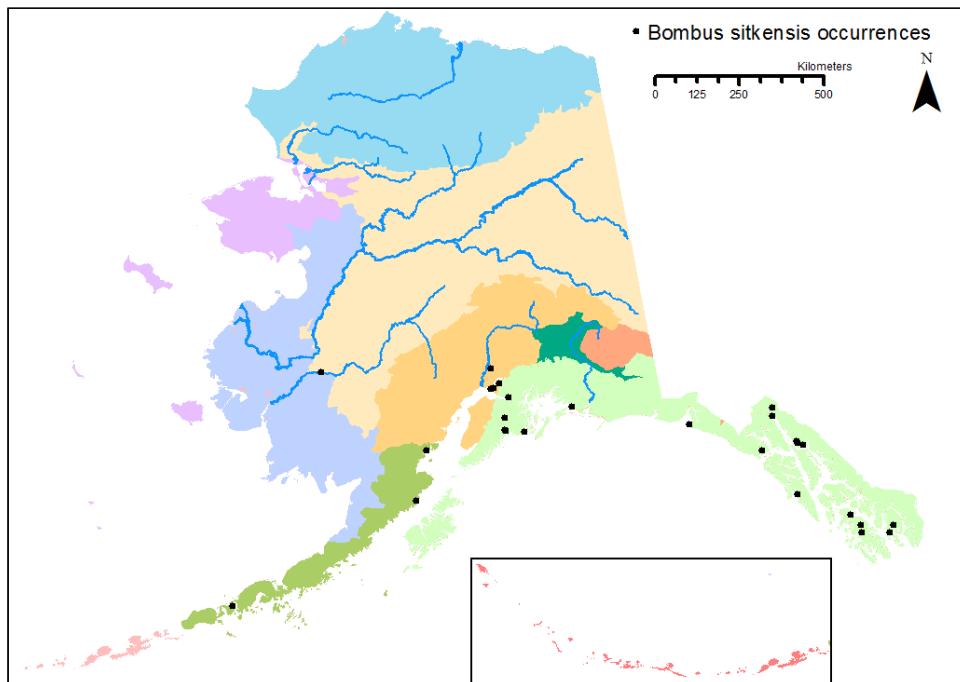
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### Occurrences, Range

*Number of Occurrences:* 29; number of museum records: 143 (American Museum of Natural History, Ohio State University, Columbus, Canadian National Collection, Illinois Natural History Survey, Univ. of Kansas, University of Alaska Museum Insect Collection., U.C. Davis, Koch et al. 2015).

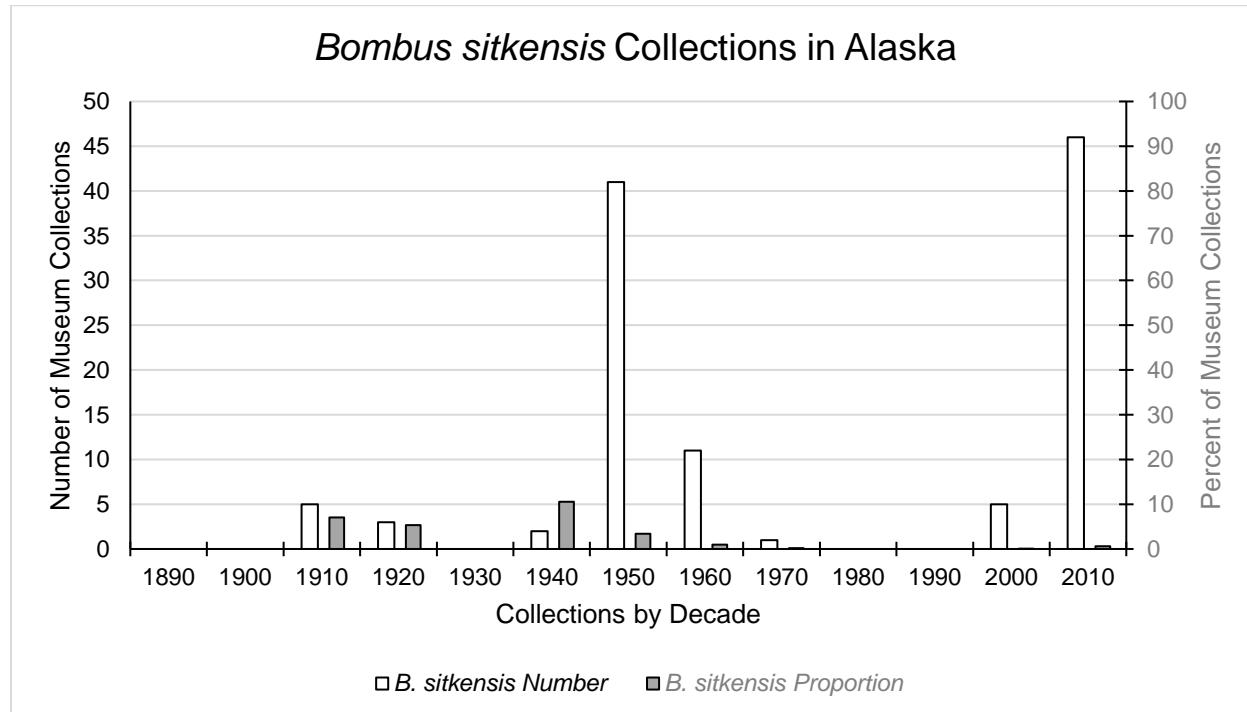
*AK Range Extent:* 374,373 km<sup>2</sup>; 4- km<sup>2</sup> grid cells: 29; Found in south coastal regions of Alaska in Coastal Rainforests and Alaska Peninsula. Also found in YK Delta (single specimen record from 1957) and Matanuska Valley.

*North American Distribution:*  
Alaska southward along maritime Coastal Rainforests to Pacific Northwest and California coast.



## Trends

Trends are based on museum voucher collections of all *Bombus* species. Short-term trends are focus the past two decades (2000's and 2010s), whereas long-term trends are based on all years. Data originate from museum voucher collections only and are summarized by decade. White bars indicate the number of voucher collections for the species. Grey bars indicate the percent of *Bombus sitkensis* to all *Bombus* species.



*Short-term:* Appears stable in proportion collected (< 10% change) in the past two decades.

*Long-term:* Appears to have a decline in proportion collected of ~10% since the 1940s.

## Threats

*Scope and Severity:* Unknown.

## Ecology

*Habitat:* open grassy areas, meadows.

*Known Alaskan Floral Resources:* *Chamerion angustifolium*

*Nesting behavior:* underground

*Parasitism:* unknown

## Literature

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