



Recommended Plants for Bees

- Asters (*Aster*)
- Beard Tongue (*Penstemon*)
- Bee balm (*Monarda*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*)
- Columbine (*Aquilegia*)
- Coneflower (*Echinacea*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago*)
- Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium*)
- Lobelia (*Lobelia*)
- Lupine (*Lupine*)
- [Milkweed](#) (*Asclepias*)
- Sage (*Salvia*)
- Tickseed (*Coreopsis*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea*)

Bee-friendly native shrubs and trees include:

- Barberry
- Caryopteris
- Currant
- Elder
- Rhododendron
- Serviceberry
- Viburnum
- Lilac
- Wild rose
- Willow

Other common native or naturalized garden plants (and/or weeds) that bees love include: daisy, lavender, mint, dahlia, zinnia, cosmos, snapdragon, larkspur, delphinium, sunflowers, catmint, rosemary, "Autumn Joy" sedum, penstemon, basil, oregano, tomato, eggplant, nightshade, lilac, dogwood, wisteria, sumac, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, dandelion, [clover](#), Queen Anne's Lace, mustard, buttercup, and all flowering fruit and nut trees. Avoid any plant varieties described as "double," which have extra petals rather than pollen producing anthers and generally produce little nectar or pollen for bees.