



Plants that Attract Bees

Bees are most attracted to flowers that are bright white, yellow or blue; and if the petal shapes are shallow, tubular or have a landing platform. Native pollinators are more attracted to native plants, so consider using some or all native perennials, shrubs and even trees. These plants are also better suited to our soils and climate, making them a lower maintenance/ lower cost choice for you.

It's best, when attracting bees, to create larger rounded areas that are fairly close together instead of small, irregular shaped patches that are farther apart. This 'bunch' arrangement helps deter weeds and pesticide applications from neighbors or road crews.

Clumping the same type of flower into a space three feet across has proven to be more attractive to pollinators than spreading out the same flowers in your entire yard.

Native Plants for Bees

- Aster
- Blanket flower
- Buckwheat
- Currant
- California Poppy
- Columbine
- Huckleberry
- Lupine
- Ninebark
- Oceanspray
- Oregon grape
- Penstemon
- Salal
- Willow

Non-Native Plants for Bees

- Basil
- Bee Balm
- Borage
- Catnip
- Chives
- Clover
- Columbine
- Cotoneaster
- Fireweed
- Foxglove
- Goldenrod
- Gooseberry
- Globe-thistle
- Heather
- Hyssop
- Impatiens
- Irises
- Lavender
- Mint
- Passion flower
- Phacelia
- Penstemon
- Rosemary
- Potentilla
- Purple coneflower
- Raspberry
- Rhododendron
- Rose
- Salvia
- Saxifrage
- Sedum
- Spirea
- Sunflower
- Violet

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