



Plants That Attract Bees

Did you know there are nearly 4,000 native bee species in the United States? They are pollinators, and pollinators are a vital part of our ecosystem. They help crops and other plants grow! One out of every three bites of food were brought to your plate with the help of pollinators. However, pollinator populations are declining due to issues like habitat destruction and the increased use of pesticides.

It's important to do our part to help bees by including beneficial plants in our garden! Bees like plants that provide either nectar or pollen, and some plants provide both. Native plants offer bees the most nutritional value. Bees are typically most attracted to plants with shallow and tubular blooms that are white, yellow, or blue. They also like single flower tops, like daisies or sunflowers.

Popular Perennials

- Basil
- Chives
- Columbine
(Aquilegia)
- Coreopsis
(Tickseed)
- Creeping Thyme
- Echinacea
(Coneflower)
- Gaillardia
(Blanket Flower)
- Gaura
- Hyssop
- Lavender
- Monarda
(Bee Balm)
- Nepeta
(Catmint)
- Rudbeckia
(Black-Eyed Susan)
- Sage
- Shasta Daisy
(Leucanthemum)

Popular Annuals

- Alyssum
- Cosmos
- Geranium
- Hyacinth
- Lantana
- Marigold
(Calendula)
- Nasturtium
- Poppy
- Primrose
- Snapdragon
- Sunflower
- Sweet Pea
- Vegetables
- Verbena
- Zinnia

Popular Trees & Shrubs

- American Holly
- Buddleia
(Butterfly Bush)
- Dogwood Trees
- Fruit trees
- Honeysuckle
- Lilac
- Magnolia Trees
- Maple Trees
- Peony
- Poplar Trees
- Redbud Trees
- Roses
- Virginia Sweetspire
- Weeping Willow
- Witchhazel

