

Plants that attract Bees

If you are looking to attract bees and other pollinators to your yard, we suggest trying some of the following plants! Your yard is sure to be a “buzz” with activity!

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Annuals

Spider Plant (*Cleome*)

Dahlia

Heliotrope

Lantana

Sweet Alyssum (*Lobularia*)

Basil (*Ocimum basilicum*)

Perennials

Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)

Anise Hyssop (*Agastache*)

Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Onion (*Allium* spp.)

Garlic (*Allium* spp.)

Chives (*Allium* spp.)

Leek (*Allium* spp.)

Scallion (*Allium* spp.)

Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias* spp.)

Aster

Astilbe

Aster (*Berheya purpurea*)

Aster (*Berlandiera lyrata*)

Lesser Calamint (*Calamintha nepeta*)

Bellflower (*Campanula* spp.)

Corn Flower (*Centaurea* spp.)

Clematis (*Clematis* spp.)

Cone Flower (*Echinacea*)

Globe Thistle (*Echinops*)

Foxtail Lily (*Eremurus stenophyllus*)

Sea Holly (*Eryngium* spp.)

Fennel (*Foeniculum*)

Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia*)

Hardy Geranium (*Geranium ibericum* x)

Blue Cranebill (*Geranium ibericum* x)

Johnson's Blue (*Geranium himalayense*)

Sneezeweed (*Helenium*)

Sunflower (*Helianthus*)

Sedum (*Hylotelephium*)

Inula (*Inula royleana*)

Himalayan elecampane (*Inula royleana*)

Lavender (*Lavandula* spp.)

Blazing Star (*Liatris*)

Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)

Cut-leaf Mallow (*Malva alcea*)

Mints (*Mentha* spp.)

Lemon Balm (*Melissa officinalis*)

Bee Balm (*Monarda*)

Catmint (*Nepeta*)

Oregano (*Origanum vulgare*)

Poppies (*Papaver rhoeas*)

Beardtongue (*Penstemon*)

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)

Rudbeckia (*Rudbeckia* spp.)

Salvia

Pincushion Flower (*Scabiosa*)

Sedum

Aster (*Symphotrichum*)

Thyme (*Thymus*)

Garden Speedwell (*Veronica longifolia*)

Shrubs

Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)
Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia*)
Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*)
Dogwood – Silky, Gray & Red-Osier
(*Cornus* spp.)
Cotoneaster
Dwarf Fothergilla (*Fothergilla gardenia*)
Common Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
Holly – common European, Box-leaved,
& Winterberry (*Ilex aquifolium*, *crenata*
and *verticillata*)

Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)
Mockorange (*Philadelphus coronarius*)
Eastern Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)
Bush Cinquefoil (*Potentilla fruticosa*)
Sumac (*Rhus* spp.)
Rogosa Rose (*Rosa rugosa*)
Raspberry (*Rubus* spp.)
Elderberry (*Sambucus* spp.)
Spirea (*Spiraea*)
European Cranberry Bush (*Viburnum opulus*)

Trees

Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.)
Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)
Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)
Hawthorn (*Crataegus* spp.)
Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
Crabapple (*Malus* spp.)
Black Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
Cherry (*Prunus* spp.)

Peach (*Prunus* spp.)
Plum (*Prunus* spp.)
Almond (*Prunus* spp.)
Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)
Black Locust (*Robinia pseudocacia*)
Willow (*Salix* spp.)
Linden, Basswood (*Tilia americana*)
Little Leaf Linden (*Tilia cordata*)