



FEED THE BEES

GARDENING FOR POLLINATORS



Honey bees will forage on hundreds of different flowering plants within a 3 mile radius from their hive. They especially love purple, blue, white, yellow, mauve, & violet colored flowers.

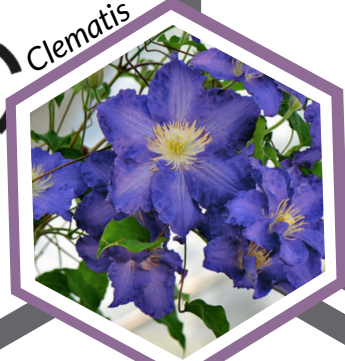


The best gardens for bees (& other pollinators) have flowering plants throughout the growing season. Here are some favorite perennial & annual flowering plants of bees & other pollinators.

PERENNIALS



Bellflower



Clematis

- Aster
- Bee balm
- Bellflower
- Betony
- Black-eyed Susan
- Blanket flower
- Blazing star
- Butterfly bush



Black-eyed Susan



Blazing star



Lupine

- Clematis
- Coral bells
- Cornflower
- Foxglove
- Globe thistle
- Hyssop
- Lavender

- Lemon balm
- Lupine
- Pentas
- Peony
- Pincushion flower
- Purple coneflower
- Red poppy



Hyssop



Sunflower

- Russian sage
- Salvia
- Sea holly
- Sedum
- Sunflower
- Swamp milkweed
- Yarrow



Purple coneflower



Sea holly

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ANNUALS

Ageratum



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Aster
Blue salvia
Borage
Calendula



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Heliotrope

Cornflower
Cosmos
Dahlia
Heliotrope
Lantana
Mignonette

Cosmos



Pentas
Pineapple sage
Popcorn plant
Sage
Snapdragon



Spider flower

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Sunflower
Sweet William
Sweet alyssum
Tithonia
Vervain
Zinnia



Popcorn plant



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