

Queen Bee Blooms - Growing Instructions



Amaranth

- When to plant - Start seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost or direct sow after danger of frost has passed
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, fertile soil
- Spacing - Thin to 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Keep soil consistently moist until established, then moderate watering
- Pruning - Pinch growing tips to encourage bushier growth
- Fertilizing - Light feeder; side-dress with compost monthly
- Mulching - Apply 2-3 inches of mulch to retain moisture

Ammobium

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, sandy soil
- Spacing - 12 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate; drought tolerant
- Pruning - Harvest flowers for drying before fully open
- Fertilizing - Light feeder; minimal needs
- Mulching - Light mulch to suppress weeds

Balsam

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost or start indoors 4-6 weeks before
- Where to plant - Partial shade to full sun
- Soil - Rich, moist, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Keep soil consistently moist
- Pruning - No regular pruning needed
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture

Basil

- When to plant - After all danger of frost has passed
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Rich, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering; keep soil moist but not waterlogged
- Pruning - Pinch regularly to encourage bushiness
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - Light mulch after soil has warmed

Bupleurum

- When to plant - Direct sow in early spring or start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun to partial shade
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 6-8 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate watering
- Pruning - No regular pruning needed
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Calendula

- When to plant - Direct sow in early spring or fall
- Where to plant - Full sun to partial shade
- Soil - Average, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 8-12 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate watering
- Pruning - Deadhead regularly for continuous blooming
- Fertilizing - Light feeder; monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture

Celosia

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Rich, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 6-12 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering
- Pruning - Pinch young plants; harvest regularly
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture

Coneflower

- When to plant - Start indoors 8-10 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 18-24 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Deadhead to extend blooming
- Fertilizing - Light feeding in spring
- Mulching - 2-3 inch layer around plants

Coreopsis

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost or start indoors 4-6 weeks before
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Light feeding in spring
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture

Cosmos

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Average to poor soil
- Spacing - 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Pinch young plants; deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Minimal; too rich soil reduces blooming
- Mulching - Light mulch to suppress weeds

Dahlia

- When to plant - Start indoors 4-6 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Rich, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 18-24 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering
- Pruning - Pinch young plants; deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - 2-3 inch layer around plants

Dianthus

- When to plant - Start indoors 8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, alkaline soil
- Spacing - 6-12 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate watering
- Pruning - Deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - Light mulch, keeping away from stems

Dill

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, rich soil
- Spacing - 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering
- Pruning - Harvest regularly for continuous growth
- Fertilizing - Light feeding monthly
- Mulching - Light mulch after soil has warmed

Eryngium

- When to plant - Start indoors 8-10 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, poor to average soil
- Spacing - 18-24 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Remove spent flowers
- Fertilizing - Minimal needs
- Mulching - Light mulch to suppress weeds

Feverfew

- When to plant - Direct sow in spring or start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun to partial shade
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering
- Pruning - Deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture

Flowering Carrot

- When to plant - Direct sow in spring after soil has warmed
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Deep, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering until established
- Pruning - Remove spent flowers
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Forget Me Not

- When to plant - Direct sow in fall or early spring
- Where to plant - Partial shade to full sun
- Soil - Rich, moist, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 6-8 inches apart
- Watering - Keep soil consistently moist
- Pruning - Remove spent flowers to prevent self-seeding
- Fertilizing - Light feeding in spring
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Frosted Explosion Grass

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining soil
- Spacing - 12-18 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate watering
- Pruning - Harvest stems when seed heads form
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - Light mulch to suppress weeds

Gaillardia

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 12-15 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Light feeding in spring
- Mulching - 2-inch layer around plants

Garlic Chives

- When to plant - Direct sow in spring or fall
- Where to plant - Full sun to partial shade
- Soil - Well-draining, rich soil
- Spacing - 6-12 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering
- Pruning - Harvest regularly
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Gomphrena

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost or direct sow after soil has warmed
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 6-8 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established; water moderately
- Pruning - No regular pruning needed
- Fertilizing - Light feeder; monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - Light mulch to suppress weeds

Marigold

- When to plant - Sow directly after last frost or start indoors 4-6 weeks before
- Where to plant - Full sun to partial shade; zones 2-11
- Soil - Fertile, loose, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 8-10 inches for French varieties, 10-12 inches for African varieties
- Watering - Regular water when young; drought-tolerant when established
- Pruning - Pinch early buds; deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Light feeding with time-release fertilizer
- Mulching - 1-2 inch layer between plants

Melampodium

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 12-15 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Self-cleaning; no deadheading needed
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture

Morning Glory

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Average, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 6-8 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate watering
- Pruning - Train vines on support
- Fertilizing - Minimal; too rich soil reduces blooming
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Nasturtium

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun to partial shade
- Soil - Poor to average soil
- Spacing - 12 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate watering
- Pruning - Remove spent flowers
- Fertilizing - Minimal; too rich soil reduces blooming
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Rudbeckia

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 18-24 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Light feeding in spring
- Mulching - 2-3 inch layer around plants

Scabiosa

- When to plant - Start indoors 4-6 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 12-15 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering
- Pruning - Deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture

Silene Blushing Lanterns

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun to partial shade
- Soil - Well-draining soil
- Spacing - 12-15 inches apart
- Watering - Regular watering
- Pruning - Remove spent flowers
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Starflower

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average soil
- Spacing - 8-12 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate watering
- Pruning - Remove spent flowers
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Strawflower

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining soil
- Spacing - 12-15 inches apart
- Watering - Moderate watering
- Pruning - Harvest for drying before fully open
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture

Sunflower Mix

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Rich, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 6 inches apart for cutting varieties, 24-36 inches for large varieties
- Watering - Regular watering
- Pruning - Remove side shoots for larger blooms
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - 2-3 inch layer around plants

Talinum

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun to partial shade
- Soil - Well-draining soil
- Spacing - 8-12 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Remove spent flowers
- Fertilizing - Light feeding during growing season
- Mulching - Light mulch to retain moisture

Yarrow

- When to plant - Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Well-draining, average to poor soil
- Spacing - 18-24 inches apart
- Watering - Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning - Deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Minimal needs
- Mulching - Light mulch to suppress weeds

Zinnia

- When to plant - Direct sow after last frost or start indoors 4-6 weeks before
- Where to plant - Full sun
- Soil - Average to rich, well-draining soil
- Spacing - 6-12 inches apart
- Watering - Water at base to prevent mildew
- Pruning - Pinch young plants; deadhead regularly
- Fertilizing - Monthly balanced fertilizer
- Mulching - 2-inch layer to retain moisture