

A FLOWER PATCH FOR THE RUSTY PATCHED



The Endangered Rusty-patched Bumble Bee was once historically common throughout its large range in Canada (ON & QC) and the USA. In the past three decades it has become rare with only a handful of individuals spotted each year.

This species is one of the first to emerge in the spring and the colony finishes up in the fall.

Here are some native examples you can plant to help support this bee on the brink of extinction throughout its long colony life.

A rusty-patched bumble bee queen lacks the rusty-patch found among the workers and males.

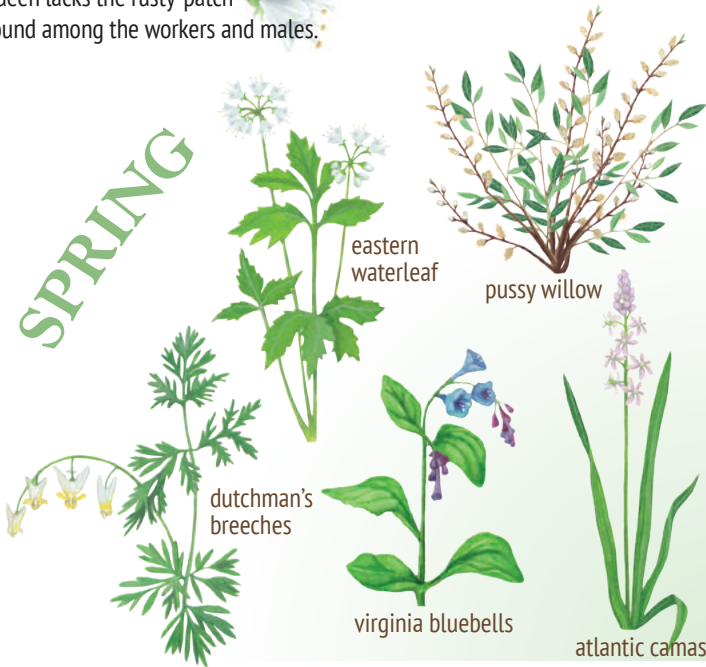


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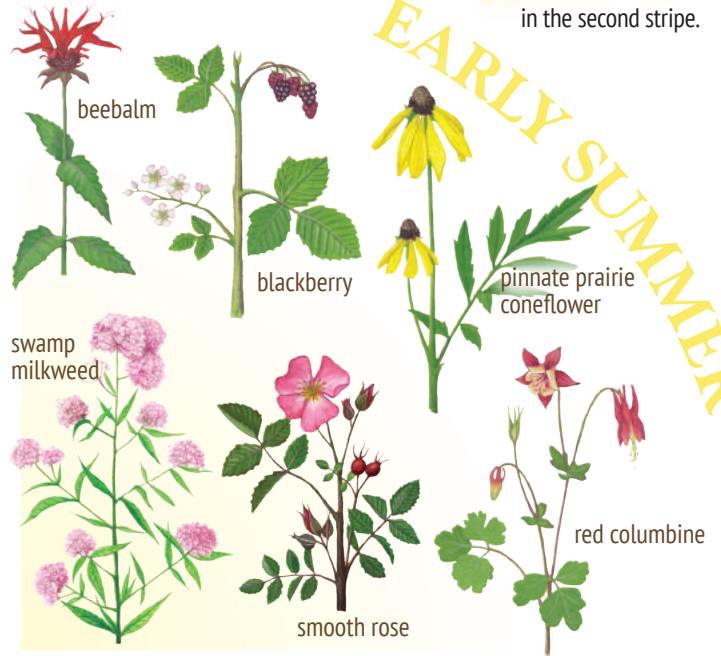
Workers are about half the size of the queen. Note the distinctive rusty-patch in the second stripe.



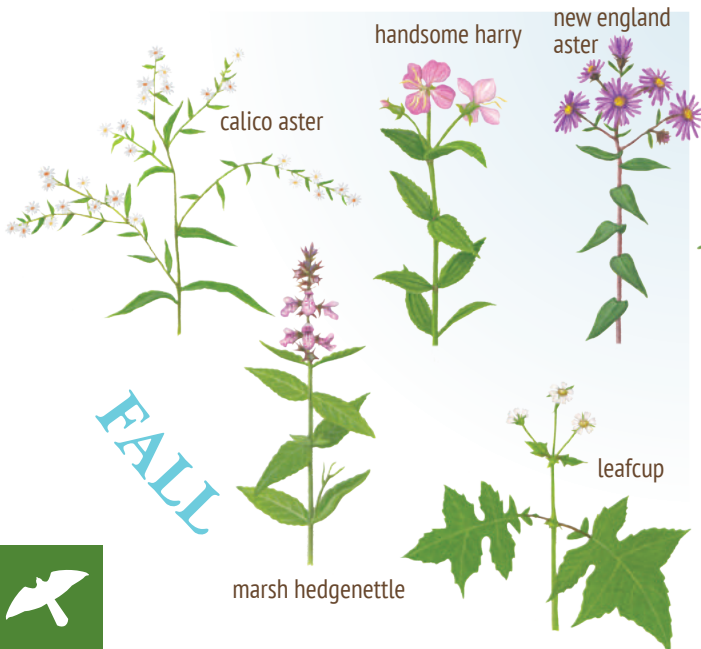
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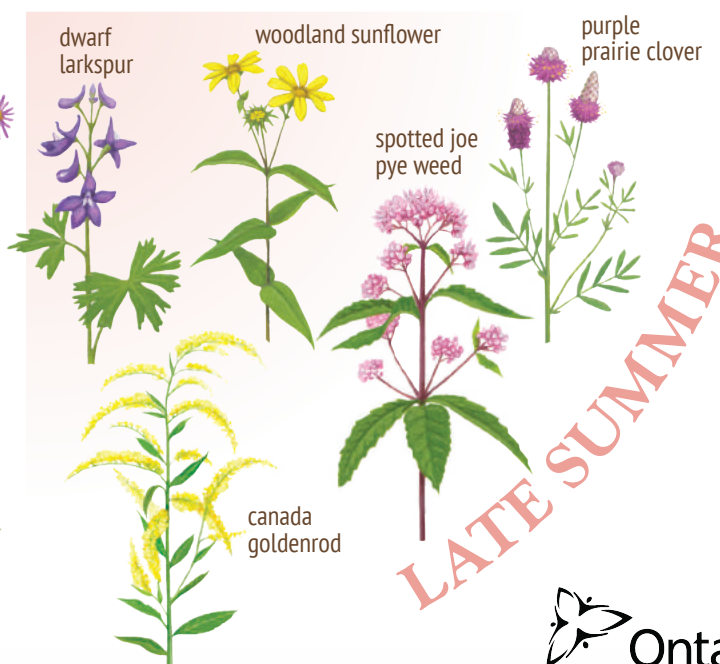
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