Plants That Attract Bees



Bees are incredibly important in pollinating food crops such as fruits and vegetables. It is wise to take care of them and provide what they need to keep them feeling at home and pollinating our gardens.



Annuals

Asters Calliopsis Cosmos Geraniums Gourds Marigolds Poppies Sunflowers Zinnias

Vegetables

Cantaloupe Cucumbers Peppers Pumpkins Squash Strawberries Watermelon Agastache Asters Coneflower Cranesbill Crocus Dahlias Foxglove Germander Hollyhocks Hyacinth Hyssop Penstemon Rock Cress

Perennials

Rock Cress Roses Russian Sage* Salvia* Sedum* Snowdrops Tansy

*Low water use once established

Cool Tip:

- Be extremely careful when using insecticides. They will kill bees just as quickly as the pest you are trying to kill. If possible, never use pesticides unless you can target the pest.
- Bees need water to drink. An easy way to provide it is to float a stick or piece of wood in a bird bath or bowl of water. This will keep them safe and dry while they drink.
- Shrieking at the top of your lungs and waving your arms when a bee approaches will only agitate it as well as your waving arms could hit it. Instead, stay calm and walk away.

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Vines

Clematis English Ivy Honeysuckle

<u>Herbs</u>

Bee Balm Borage Catnip Cilantro Fennel Lavendar Mints Rosemary* Sage Thyme



Shrubs

Blue Mist* Blueberry Butterfly Bush* Honeysuckle Privet Rabbit Bush*

<u>Trees</u>

Catalpa Fruit Trees (especially crabapples)

Golden Rain Tree Magnolia Maples Mountain Ash Poplar Redbud Sycamore Willows



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