

Pollinator Plants for Your Flowerbeds and Gardens

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Olympia = Zone 7b: 5F to 10F

Source: The New Sunset Western Garden Book (2012) - Plants For Bees

Source: Bee Protective Habitat Guide by www.BeyondPesticides.org from Oregon

(As displayed in the Pollinator Garden at the Thurston County Fairgrounds and Event Center)

Season	Flower	* Sun Exposure	Water Needs	Characteristics
Spr/Sum	Borage	FS	Little	2-3 ft high with blue blossoms. Provides nectar for bees and butterflies.
Spr/Sum/Fall	Calendula	FS	Dry to medium	1-2 ft high with bright open-faced blossoms.
Spr/Sum	Forget-Me-Not	FS/PS	Moderate	Grows densely as groundcover. Delicate blue blossoms loved by native and honeybees.
Spr/Sum/Fall	Goldenrod	FS/PS	Moderate	Attracts birds, butterflies. Clusters of bright, yellow flowers. Can be aggressive.
Spr/Sum	Honeysuckle	FS/PS	Moderate	Climbing vine with fragrant, tubular blossoms. Bees and hummingbirds.
Spr/Sum	Lavender	FS	Dry to moderate	12-24" tall and wide plant. Fragrant blossoms. They all love 'em!
Spr/Sum	Linaria	FS/PS	Moderate	18-24" tall. Good nectar source for pollinators.
Spr	Scented geranium	FS	Moderate	Scented foliage with small flowers.
Spr/Sum	Sedum	FS/PS	Little to moderate	Groundcover with bright flowers.
Spr/Sum	Serviceberry	PS/SH	Moist to dry	1-5 ft. Host plant for flies and bees.
Spr	Verbena	FS	Moderate	6-12" tall. Attracts bees and butterflies.
Sum	Bee Balm	FS	Ample water	2-4 ft tall. Hummingbirds, butterflies and bees.
Sum	Black-eyed Susan	FS/PS	Moderate	Daisy-like blossoms that attract bees.
Sum	Cascade columbine	PS	Moist	.1 - 2 ft high. Hummingbirds and bees.
Sum	Coreopsis "Moonbeam" Tickseed	FS	Dry to moderate	18-24 inches. Yellow bloom summer through the fall.
Sum	Cosmos	FS	Dry to moderate	2-3 ft tall with orange, red, yellow blossoms.
Sum	Crocoshia	FS/PS	Moderate	2 - 3 ft tall with red to orange-red flowers.
Sum	Echinacea	FS	Generous	3-4 ft tall with open-faced flowers. Finches like over-wintered seed heads.
Sum	Huckleberry, Evergreen	FS	Moderate	Moist to dry. 1-3 ft high. Hummingbirds, bees and butterflies.
Sum	Snowberry	FS/PS	Dry to moderate	Prefers dry to moist soils. Grows 6 to 10 ft high. Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and bees. Birds love fruit in the Fall.
Sum	Garden Sage	FS	Moderate	Shrubby perennial, small flowers late spring - summer.

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Sum	Rosemary	FS	Sparingly	Perennial herb with white, blue or purple flowers. Bees love them.
Sum	Thyme	FS/PS	Little to moderate	Yellow, white or purple flowers. Some overwinter and provide early nectar source.
Sum/Fall	Aster	FS	Moderate	Butterflies love them.
Sum/Fall	Lupine	FS	Moderate	Tall with sweet pea-like blossoms.
Sum/Fall	Oregano	FS	Little to moderate	Related to mint. Small flowers that attract butterflies, bees.
Sum/Fall	Sedum (Autumn Joy)	FS/PS	Little to moderate	Wonderful flowers that attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.
Sum/Fall	Daisy	FS	Moderate	1-2 ft tall with open-faced blossoms.
Fall/Win	English Primrose	FS/PS	Moderate	Low growing perennial herb. Bees forage blossoms in early morning.
Fall/Win	Hellebores	PS/SH	Moderate	Late winter/early spring blossoms. Great source of nectar and pollen for bees.

* FS = full sun, PS = part sun, SH = shade

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[From the WSU Pubs site http://gardening.wsu.edu](http://gardening.wsu.edu)

- FS122E Neonicotinoids Pesticides and Honey Bees
- PNW591 How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides
- EM067E Beneficial Insects, Spiders, and Other Mini-Creatures in Your Garden

[From the OSU Pubs site http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/)

- PNW 550 Encouraging Beneficial Insects in Your Garden
- PNW 623 Evaluating Honey Bee Colonies for Pollination
- EC 1613-E A Pocket Guide to Common Natural Enemies of Crop and Garden Pests in the Pacific Northwest

[From the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation site www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org)

- Invertebrate Conservation Fact Sheet-Pacific Northwest Plants for Native Bees

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