

Plants for Bees

Key Plants That Support Our Native Bees

Plants that support native bees include milkweeds (*Asclepias*), goldenrods (*Solidago*), asters (*Symphyotrichum*), willows (*Salix*), and summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*). Additional plants that support bees include:

Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
Bee Balm, Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
Blazing Star, Gayfeather (*Liatris spicata*)
Blue Sundial Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)
Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
Dotted Mint (*Monarda punctata*)
Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium fistulosum*)
Lance-leaved Tickseed (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)
Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*)
Partridge Pea (*Chamaecrista fasciculata*)
Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)



Bumble Bee pollinating blueberry flower

Early Season Plants for Bumble Bee Queens

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)
Beach Plum (*Prunus maritima*)
Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
Black Willow (*Salix nigra*)
Blueberry (*Vaccinium*)
Blue Sundial Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)
Crabapple (*Malus* spp.)
Common Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
Flowering Dogwood (*Benthamidia Cornus florida*)
Honeysuckle (*Lonicera canadensis*)
Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
Pussy Willow (*Salix discolor*)
Rhododendron spp.
Swamp Azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*)
Swamp rose (*Rosa palustris*)
Wild Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)
Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

Plants for Worker Bumble Bees

Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
Blazing Star, Gayfeather (*Liatris spicata*)
Purple/Blue Anise Hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*)
Evening Primrose (*Oenothera fruticosa*)
Flowering Raspberry (*Rubus odoratus*)
Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium fistulosum*)
Honeysuckle (*Lonicera canadensis*)
Meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*)
Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)
New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum* n.a.)
Red Clover (*Trifolium repens*)
Shrubby St. John's Wort (*Hypericum prolificum*)
Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)
Threadleaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticillata*)
Virginia Rose (*Rosa virginiana*)
White Clover (*Trifolium pretense*)
Wild Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)