

# 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*)  
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*)