

WHAT BLOOMS IN THE FALL?

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WHY FOCUS ON FALL FOOD SOURCES?



1. Beekeepers need strong colonies with lots of food stores going into winter.
2. Allows your bees to store food provided by nature.
3. Fewer resources available.
4. Beekeeper can reduce the amount of sugar syrup needed.

Left Common Milkweed

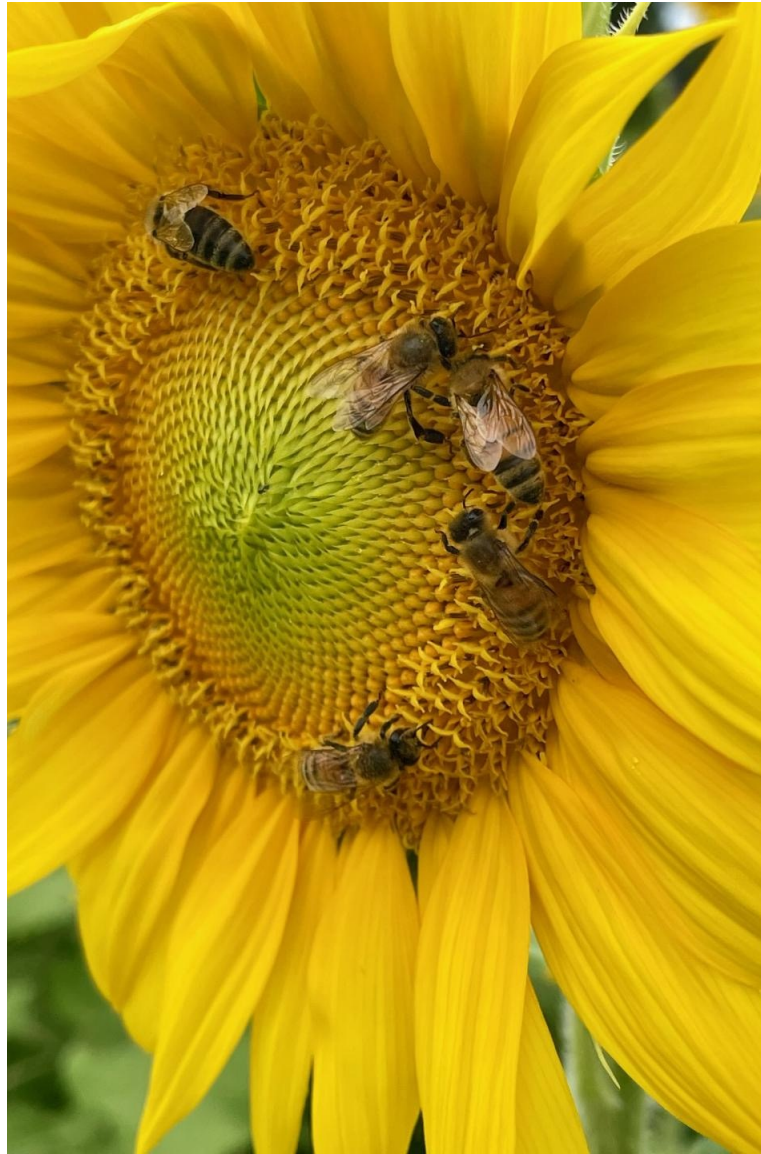
Right Stiff Goldenrod

MID TO LATE JULY
BLUEVINE



- Native vine related to Milkweed.
- Once was prolific in tilled crop land.
- Grows up to 12 ft.
- Bloom has a sweet fragrance.
- A source of nectar.
- Easily identified by heart shaped leaves and seed pods similar to milkweed.





AUGUST SUNFLOWERS



Includes Native and annual varieties.

Great nectar and pollen source.

Great addition to the home garden.

Some local beekeepers will move their colonies near sunflower fields.



AUGUST GOLDENROD

Not all goldenrods are favored by honey bees.

Stiff or Rigid Goldenrod is an excellent source of nectar and pollen.

Most goldenrod growing in Kansas is not favored by Honey bees.





SEPTEMBER - FROST ASTERS

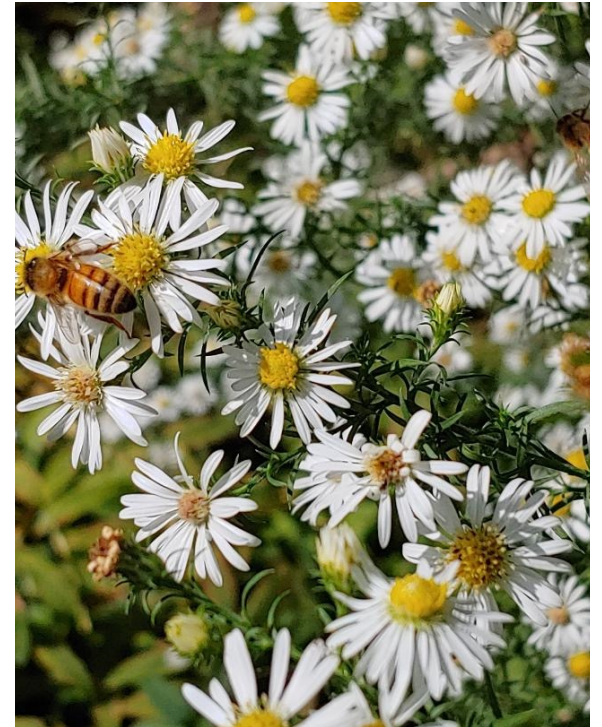
Kansas is home to three major varieties of aster.

- New England Aster: Aug- November
- Aromatic Aster: Sept- November
- Heath Aster: Aug- November

All are great nectar and pollen sources.

All make great additions to a native garden.

Typically the last blooms of the year.



OTHER FALL FOOD SOURCES

SEDUMS

Sedums: Perfect for black thumbs!

- Blooms July-September.
- Autumn Joy is the most popular variety.
- Stout, upright, spreading perennials with succulent foliage.
 - Sedums come in several colors.
- Bloom time can be delayed with pruning.





OTHER FALL FOOD SOURCES

CARYOPTERIS SEPTEMBER

**AVERAGES 3 TO 4 FT X 3-4 FT.
ORIGINATES FROM EAST ASIA.
AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL CULTIVARS.
NICE ADDITION TO FLOWER BEDS
AND LANDSCAPING.
BLOOMS CAN BE FRAGRANT.**

SOYBEANS



Honey bees are not essential for soybean pollination

But

Honey bees will increase soybean yields.

Planting and bloom times vary.

Not all soybean varieties are favored by honey bees.

When conditions are right honey bees will fill supers from soybean crops.

RAGWEED

SEPTEMBER

Honey bees will work ragweed for the high protein pollen.





SEVEN SONS TREE

AUGUST



A small tree or shrub with fragrant flowers in the fall.

A great addition to the home landscape as a specimen or the back of a border.

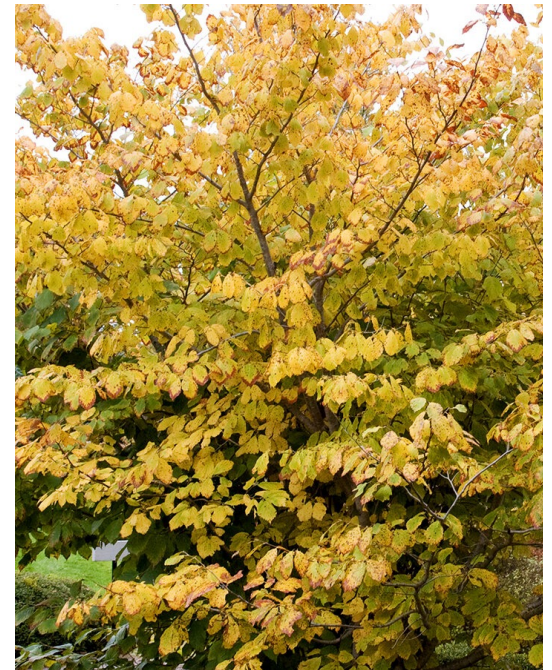
Offers year round interest with white blooms, fruit, and interesting bark.



AMERICAN WITCHHAZEL FALL BLOOMING

Hamamelis virginiana or American Witch Hazel is native to the Eastern US. Yellow blooms found October to November about the time the leaves turn yellow in the fall.

A multi-stemmed shrub that can reach 20x20.



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