



MORE BEES IN YOUR GARDEN



In addition to the well-known western honey bee (*Apis mellifera*), bees also include a variety of so-called wild bees such as bumblebees, mason bees, yellow-faced bees, scissor bees, and potter bees. Many cultivated varieties of garden plants provide little or even no food for bees in their double-flowered blossoms. However, a garden with native perennials and woody plants can provide these industrious pollinators with nectar and pollen almost year-round.



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Native plants for a bee-friendly garden:

SPRING BLOOMERS

PLANT SPECIES	FLOWER COLOR	FLOWERING PERIOD	HEIGHT	POSITION	SOIL
Cowslip primrose (<i>Primula veris</i>)	yellow	IV – VI	10 – 20 cm	☀️ ☀️	calcareous, nutrient-rich
Cornelian cherry (<i>Cornus mas</i>)	yellow	III – IV	200 – 350 cm	☀️ ☀️	nutrient-rich, permeable
Pasqueflower (<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i>)	violet	III – V	5 – 30 cm	☀️	permeable humus soils
Snowdrop (<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>)	white	II – III	10 – 20 cm	☀️ ☀️	permeable humus soils

SUMMER BLOOMERS

PLANT SPECIES	FLOWER COLOR	FLOWERING PERIOD	HEIGHT	POSITION	SOIL
Meadow sage (<i>Salvia pratensis</i>)	blue-violet	IV – VII	30 – 60 cm	☀️	calcareous, nutrient-poor
Large speedwell (<i>Veronica teucrium</i>)	blue	VI – VII	20 – 40 cm	☀️	calcareous, nutrient-poor
Meadow crane's-bill (<i>Geranium pratense</i>)	blue-violet	VI – VIII	20 – 50 cm	☀️ ☀️	nutrient-rich, damp
Scorpion senna (<i>Hippocrepis emerus</i>)	yellow	IV – VIII	100 – 200 cm	☀️	nutrient-poor, permeable

FALL BLOOMERS

PLANT SPECIES	FLOWER COLOR	FLOWERING PERIOD	HEIGHT	POSITION	SOIL
Old man's beard (<i>Clematis vitalba</i>)	white-yellow	VII – X	500 – 1000 cm	☀️ ☀️	calcareous, damp clay soils
Oregano (<i>Origanum vulgare</i>)	light purple	VII – IX	20 – 50 cm	☀️	un-demanding
Common toadflax (<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>)	yellow	VI – X	20 – 60 cm	☀️	nutrient-poor, permeable
Clustered bellflower (<i>Campanula glomerata</i>)	blue	VI – IX	20 – 60 cm	☀️	calcareous, nutrient-rich