

## Plants for Honeybees

### (\* Commercially pollinated by honeybees)

- Almonds \*
- Alfalfa
- Apples \*
- Apricots \*
- Aspen (Poplar)
- Asters
- Basswood
- Berries
  - Blackberry\*
  - Blueberry \*
  - Cranberry \*
  - Raspberry\*
  - Strawberry \*
- Box elder
- Buckbrush
- Buckwheat
- Catmint (Nepata)
- Catnip
- Cherries \*
- Clovers
  - Alsike
  - Crimson
  - Ladino,
  - White
- Coneflowers
- Cucumbers \*
- Dandelion
- Fireweed
- Goldenrod
- Hawthorne
- Herbs
  - Borage
  - Dill
  - Hyssop
- Herbs, (continued)
  - Lavender
  - Lemon Balm
  - Lovage
  - Marjoram
  - Mint
  - Oregano
  - Rosemary
  - Sage
  - Thyme
- Honeysuckle
- Juneberry
- Legumes
  - Alfalfa
  - Birdsfoot  
  Trefoil
  - Hairy Vetch
- Loosestrife(invasive)
- Locusts
- Maples
- Melons \*
  - Muskmelon
  - Watermelon
- Milkweed
- Mustard
- Ohio Buckeyes
- Pears \*
- Plums \*
- Pumpkins \*
- Pussy Willows
- Russian Sage
- Smartweed
- Spotted  
  Knapweed(invasive)
- Squash \*
- Sumac
- Sunflowers \*
- Wild Fruit
  - Crab Apple
  - Plum
  - Cherry
- Willows

### Good for foraging

- Blanket Flower  
(Gaillardia)
- Chrysanthemum
- Daffodil /Jonquil
- Evening Primrose
- Forget-me-not
- Globe Thistle
- Larkspur
- Liatris
- Lupine
- Marigold
- Mexican Sunflower
- Moss Rose
- Oriental Poppy
- Pansy
- Penstemon
- Petunia
- Phlox
- Salvia
- Sedum
- Snapdragon
- Tall Verbena  
(bonariensis)
- Violet

### Pollinator Preferences

*Ants: Not good pollinators, many flowers have ways to keep them out.*

*Bats: Large, light-colored, night-blooming flowers with strong fruity odor). Don't see well, but have keen sense of smell.*

*Bees: Yellow, blue, purple flowers. Different bees like different flowers*

*Beetles: White or dull-colored, fragrant flowers. Can't see colors (e.g., potatoes, roses)*

*Butterflies: Red, orange, yellow, pink, blue. Flat-topped clusters to land on (e.g., zinnias, calendulas, butterfly weeds) in sun.*

*Carion-eating flies: Maroon, brown flowers with foul odors (e.g., wild ginger).*

*Flies: Green, white, cream flowers. Simple bowl-shaped flowers or clusters*

*Hummingbirds: Red, orange, purple/red tubular flowers with lots of nectar, since they live exclusively on flowers (e.g., sages, fuschias, honeysuckles, nasturtiums, columbines, bee balms). No landing area*

*Moths -- Light-colored flowers, open at dusk (e.g., evening primroses).*