

PLANT ME

Bees
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Me

TIPS FOR ATTRACTING BEES:

- Bees are more attracted to yellow, white and the blue-purple range
- Fragrant flowers
- Plants with a long flowering season to assure a continuous food supply
- Early spring flowers after a long hungry winter
- Select single flower heads. Double headed flowers look showy but produce much less nectar and make it more difficult to access pollen
- Avoid highly hybridised plants which have been bred not to seed and thus produce very little pollen
- Choose different types of flowers to ensure blooms through as many seasons as possible
- Provide fresh water
- Don't use pesticides
- Plant indigenous plants
- Plant flowers in clumps
- Plant where bees will visit- sunny spots and sheltered from strong winds

PERENNIALS & GROUNDCOVERS

Agapanthus
Echinacea
Scabiosa
Sedum
Bellis perennis
Coreopsis
Portulaca
Anchusa
Oenothera
Geranium incanum

ANNUALS

Anchusa capensis
Sweetpea
Zinnia
Marigold
Calendula
Foxglove
Snapdragon
Nasturtium
Nemesia

TREES

Nuxia
Acacia
Crab Apple
Deciduous fruit trees
Acer
Syzygium
Ilex
Citrus

SHRUBS

Aloes
Escallonia
Viburnum
Hibiscus
Murraya
Dombeya
Polygala
Erica
Raphiolepis
Agathosma
Salvia
Heliotrope
Buddleja
Echium
Coleonema
Euryops
Grewia
Portulacaria
Hebe
Ceanothus
Cistus

HERBS & VEG

Lavender
Rosemary
Thyme
Borage
Chamomile
Comfrey
Basil
Oreganum
Mint
Rocket
Mustard
Yarrow
Catmint
Chives
Sage
Fennel



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FOOD PLANTS THAT DEPEND ON BEES

Almond	Parsley
Apple	Pumpkin
Asparagus	Radish
Bean	Raspberry
Beet	Squash
Blackberry	Sunflower
Brusselssprout	Sweet potato
Cabbage	Turnip
Cauliflower	Watermelon
Celery	
Chives	
Clover	
Cucumber	
Eggplant	
Garlic	
Gooseberry	
Grapes	
Horseradish	
Kale	
Lettuce	
Mustard	
Onions	

DID YOU KNOW?

Every third bite of food is thanks to the hard work of the honey bee.

DID YOU KNOW?

Honey bees share directions to nectar sources via their "Waggle Dance".

BEE INFORMED

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DO NOT RECOMMEND the

application of insecticides when plants are in flower as at this stage of your plant's life, the endangered Honey Bee is at its busiest pollinating flowers!

Please carefully consider the application of insecticides, contact or systemic. If applied incorrectly, it can either kill foraging mature bees or weaken the offspring in the hive! Please ask us for advice.

