



MODULE 6

Plants that attract bees

| Plants that attract bees | Colour | Flowering season | Vegetable | | | Lifespan | | Scented |
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| | | | Fruit | Herb | Annual | Biennial/ Perennial | | |
| Colours: B - Blue; G - Green; O - Orange; P - Purple; Pk - Pink; R - Red W - White; Y- Yellow | | | | | | | | |
| Apple (<i>Malus</i> sp.) | W | Spring | | • | | | • | • |
| Chive, Onions (<i>Allium</i> sp.) | W Y Pk | Summer | • | | | | • (bulb) | • |
| Cruciferous plant (Brassicaceae) e.g. cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, broccoli left to flower | Y | Summer | • | | | • | | • |
| Broad bean (<i>Vicia faba</i>) | W | Spring | • | | | • | | • |
| Brooms (<i>Cytisus</i> sp.) | Y W Pk R | Summer | | | | | • | • |
| Bellflower (<i>Campanula</i> sp.) | B W | Summer | | | | | • | |
| Bergamot, Monarda (<i>Monarda punctata</i>) | R W | Summer | | | | | • | • |
| Blackberry (<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.) | W Pk | Summer | | • | | | • | |
| Borage (<i>Borago officinalis</i>) | B | Summer | | | • | • | | |
| Buddleia, butterfly bush (<i>Buddleja davidii</i>) | P W Y | Summer | | | | | • | • |
| Californian poppy (<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>) | O Y W | Summer | | | | • | | |
| Candytuft (<i>Iberis</i> sp.); | P | Summer | | | | • | • | • |
| Catmint (<i>Nepeta</i> sp.) | B | Summer | | | | | • | • |
| Clarkia (<i>Clarkia</i> sp.) | Pk | Summer | | | | • | | |
| Cherry (<i>Prunus</i> sp.) | W | Spring | | • | | | • | • |
| Cornflower (<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>) | B | Summer | | | | • | | |
| Cosmos (<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>) | P W | Summer | | | | • | | |
| Cotoneaster (<i>Cotoneaster</i> sp.) | R Pk | Spring | | | | | • | |
| Crocus (<i>Crocus</i> sp.) | P B Y W | Spring | | | | | • (bulb) | • |
| Currant (black: <i>Ribes nigrum</i> , red/white: <i>R. rubrum</i>) | W | Spring | | • | | | • | |
| Flowering currant (<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>) | Pk | Spring | | | | | • | • |
| Forget-me-not (<i>Myosotis</i> sp.) | B | Spring | | | | • | | |
| Geranium - single (cranesbills) (<i>Geranium</i> sp.) | Pk W | Spring | | | | | • | • |
| Avens (<i>Geum</i> sp.) | Y O | Spring | | | | | • | |
| Globe thistle (<i>Echinops ritro</i>) | B | Spring | | | | | • | |
| Golden rod (<i>Solidago</i> sp.) | Y | Spring | | | | | • | |
| Gorse (<i>Ulex</i> sp.) | Y | All year | | | | | • | • |
| Gooseberry (<i>Ribes uva crisa</i>) | W | Spring | | • | | | • | |

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| Grape hyacinth (<i>Muscari</i> sp.) | B | Spring | | | | | • (bulb) | • |
| Hebe (<i>Hebe</i> sp.) | B P Pk | Summer/ Autumn | | | | | • | • |
| Hellebores (<i>Helleborus</i> sp.) | W P G | Winter | | | | | • | • |
| Common Hollyhock (<i>Alcea rosea</i>) | W Y Pk | Summer | | | | | • | |
| Annual Honesty (<i>Lunaria annua</i>) | W Pk | Spring | | | | | • | |
| Hyssop (<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i>) | B | Summer | | | • | | • | • |
| Ivy (<i>Hedera</i> sp.) older plants flower | G | Autumn/ Winter | | | | | • | • |
| Lamb's ears (<i>Stachys byzantina</i>) | Pk | Summer | | | | | • | |
| Lavender (<i>Lavendula</i> sp.) | P | Summer | | | • | | • | • |
| Love-in-a-mist (<i>Nigella damascena</i>) | B | Summer | | | | • | | |
| Oregon-grape (<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>) | Y | Spring | | | | | • | • |
| Marjoram (<i>Origanum majorana</i>) | W Pk | Summer | | | • | | • | • |
| Marrow, squashes & courgettes (Cucurbitaceae) | Y | Summer | • | | | | • | |
| Michaelmas daisy (<i>Aster</i> sp.) | B P | Autumn | | | | | • | • |
| Mignonette (<i>Reseda odorata</i>) | W | Summer | | | | • | | • |
| Mint (<i>Mentha</i> sp.) | B | Summer | | | • | | • | • |
| Oriental poppy (<i>Papaver orientale</i>) | O R | Summer | | | | | • | |
| Plum (<i>Prunus domestica</i>) | W | Spring | | • | | | • | • |
| Poached egg plant (<i>Limnanthes douglasii</i>) | W Y | Summer | | | | • | | |
| Rose (single flowers) (e.g. <i>Rosa galica</i>) | Pk R W Y | Summer | | | | | • | • |
| Rosemary (<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>) | B | Summer | | | • | | • | • |
| Runner beans (<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i>) | W | Summer | • | | | | • | • |
| Sages (<i>Salvia</i> sp.) | B | Summer | | | • | | • | • |
| Scabious (<i>Scabiosa</i> sp.) | B | Summer | | | | | • | |
| Sea holly (<i>Eryngium</i> sp.) | B | Summer | | | | | • | |
| Sedum (<i>Sedum</i> sp.) | Pk | Autumn | | | | | • | • |
| Snowdrops (<i>Galanthus</i> sp.) | W | Spring | | | | | • (bulb) | • |
| Sunflower (<i>Helianthus annuus</i>) | Y | Summer | | | | • | | • |
| Thrift (<i>Armeria maritima</i>) | Pk | Summer | | | | | • | |
| Thyme (<i>Thymus</i> sp.) | Pk | Summer | | | • | | • | • |
| Wallflower (<i>Erysimum</i> sp.) | Y R | Spring | | | | | • | • |