Save the bees: plant flowers and trees!

Pollinators require nectar and pollen plants.

Trees, shrubs, and flowers that bloom from April to September create a consistent food supply for pollinators to complete their life cycles. Ground covers (Ajuga, squill, crocus, clover, Creeping Charlie) are also favorable.

In spring, overwintering female bees emerge from sandy soil to forage and do not return to the overwintering sites. Do not kill these bees; doing so prevents future generations. In fall, large females appear again. Bees are unlikely to sting; simply avoid making sudden movements that may startle them.

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For more information visit www.entomology.umn.edu/cues

**EARLY SEASON**

**EARLY-MID SEASON**

**MID SEASON**

**MID-LATE SEASON**

**LATE SEASON**

**SERVICEBERRY (Amelanchier species)**

**WILD ROSE (Rosa species)**

**PURPLE PRAIRIE CLOVER (Petalostemum candidum)**

**ANISE HYSSOP (Agastache foeniculum)**

**NEW ENGLAND ASTER (Symphyotrichum novae-angliae)**

**PANSY WILLLOW (Salix discolor)**

**BASSWOOD, LINDEN (Tilia americana)**

**SWAMP MILKWEED (Asclepias incarnata)**

**WILD BERGAMOT (Monarda fistulosa)**

**GOLDENROD (Solidago species)**

**CAROLINA LUPINE (Thermopsis villosa)**

**GARDEN SAGE (Salvia nemorosa 'May Night')**

**BILLIARD’S SPINNA (Spinacea x billardii ‘Triumphans’)**

**SUNFLOWER (Helianthus species)**

**KOREAN ANGELICA (Angelica gigas)**

**SIBERIAN SQUILL (Scilla siberica)**

**CATMINT (Nepeta x faassenii)**

**CATNIP (Nepeta cataria)**

**GLOBETHISTLE (Echinops species)**

**STONECROP (Sedum species)**

**BLUE ORCHARD BEE (Osmia lignaria)**

**MINING BEE**

**LEAFCUTTER BEE (Megachile sp.)*

**HONEY BEE (Apis mellifera)**

**BUMBLE BEE (Bombus ternarius)**

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