



# Plants That Attract Bees

Bees are pollinators, and pollinators are a vital part of our ecosystem because they help crops and other plants grow. One out of every three bites of food that you eat were brought to you with the help of pollinators. Pollinator populations are declining due to the use of pesticides and habitat destruction. It's important to do our part to assist them by planting beneficial plants in our gardens. Some plants provide nectar, some provide pollen, and others provide both nectar and pollen. Native plants have the most to offer bees, nutritionally.

	Life Cycle	Provides Nectar	Provides Pollen
Alyssum	Annual	X	
Aquilegia (Columbine)	Perennial	X	X
Baptisia Australis	Perennial	X	
Basil	Perennial	X	
Chives	Perennial	X	X
Coreopsis Lanceolata	Perennial	X	X
Cosmos	Annual	X	X
Creeping thyme	Perennial	X	
Echinacea Purpurea	Perennial	X	
French Marigold	Annual	X	X
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)	Perennial	X	X
Gaura	Perennial	X	X
Hyssop	Perennial	X	
Joe Pye Weed	Perennial	X	X
Lavender	Perennial	X	
Leucanthemum (Shasta Daisy)	Perennial		X
Liatris	Perennial	X	X
Monarda	Perennial	X	
Nepeta (Catnip)	Perennial	X	X
Poppy	Perennial		X
Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan)	Perennial	X	X
Sage	Perennial	X	X
Sunflowers	Annual	X	
Sweet Peas	Annual	X	X
Zinnia	Annual	X	