

Nectar Food Plants for Honeybees

Spring and Summer Bulbs

- Purple flowering onions (*Allium spp.*)
- Golden crocus (*Crocus x luteus*)
- Bishop Series dahlias* (*Dahlia*)
- Winter aconite (*Eranthis hyemalis*)
- Grape hyacinth (*Muscari armeniacum*)
- Siberian squill (*Scilla sibirica*)

Perennials and Biennials

- Anise hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*)
- Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Lesser calamint (*Calamintha nepeta*)
- Cornflowers (*Centaurea spp.*)
- Gas plant (*Dictamnus albus*)
- Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Globe thistles (*Echinops spp.*)
- Fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*)
- Blanketflowers (*Gaillardia spp.*)
- Cranesbills (*Geranium spp.*)
- Fall sedums (*Hylotelephiumtelephium*)
- Knautia (*Knautia macedonica*)
- Forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*)
- Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*)
- Meadow sage (*Salvia nemorosa*)
- Showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*)
- Fall asters (*Symphotricum spp.*)

Annuals

- Cosmos (*Cosmos spp.*)
- California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*)
- Sunflower* (*Helianthus annuus*)
- Heliotrope (*Heliotropium arborescens*)
- Love-in-a-mist (*Nigella damascena*)
- Breadseed poppy (*Papaver somniferum*)
- Portulaca* (*Portulaca spp.*)
- Blue anise sage (*Salvia guaranitica*)
- Profusion and common zinnias* (*Zinnia spp.*)

Herbs

- Chives and onions (*Allium* spp.)
- Borage (*Borago officinalis*)
- Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*)
- Lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*)
- Mints (*Mentha* spp.)
- Catmints (*Nepeta* spp.)
- Creganos (*Origanum* spp.)
- Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)
- Rue (*Ruta graveolens*)
- Sage (*Salvia officinalis*)
- Thyme (*Thymus* spp.)

Shrubs

- Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*)
- Blue mist bush (*Caryopteris x clandonensis*)
- Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*)
- Winter heath (*Erica carnea*)
- Lavenders (*Lavandula* spp.)
- Sumacs (*Rhus* spp.)
- Elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*)

Trees

- Vitex/ChasteTree (*Vitex angus*)
- Maples (*Acer* spp.)
- Alders (*Alnus* spp.)
- Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Hazels (*Corylus* spp.)
- Tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
- Fruit trees, especially apple, plum, and cherry (*Malus* and *Prunus* spp.)
- Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
- Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Willows (*Salix* spp.)
- Basswood/linden (*Tilia* spp.)

Weeds

- Viper's bugloss (*Echium vulgare*)
- Birdsfoot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*)
- Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*)
- Clovers (*Trifolium* and *Melilotus* spp.)