

A Bee Friendly Garden



It isn't difficult to make your yard, garden, or even patio space a haven for beneficial bees. You'll be helping these important insects as well as bringing more nature to your backdoor. The greater the plant diversity, the more bees you will attract and support. Plant long blooming flowers or a variety of plants that will bloom at different times throughout the season. Honey bees need to eat until they retreat to their hives for the winter. Not only do the bees need nectar, they need water as well. Provide a pond, fountain, or some other fresh water source. Following is a list of tried-and-true bee attractors:

Annuals:

Asters
Cosmos
Dahlias
Geraniums
Marigolds
Sunflowers
Zinnias
Hyacinth Bean Vine

Perennials:

Asters
Bee Balm (Monarda)
Butterfly Bush
Clematis
Coneflower (Echinacea)
Foxglove
Hollyhock
Nepeta (Catmint)
Sedum
Honeysuckle Vine

Garden Plants:

Blackberries
Cantaloupe
Cucumbers
Gourds
Peppers
Pumpkins
Raspberries
Squash
Strawberries
Watermelons

Herbs:

Cilantro
Fennel
Lavender
Mints
Rosemary
Sage
Thyme

