

SOME SUGGESTED GARDEN FLOWERS FOR BUMBLEBEES

SPRING

White Deadnettle (*Lamium album*)*

Berberis

Bulbs: English bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)*,

Crocus, Grape Hyacinths (*Muscari*)

Lungwort (*Pulmonaria* species)

Snowberry

Mahonia

Snakeshead (*Fritillaria meleagris*)*

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)

Cotoneaster (e.g. *horizontalis*)

Ceanothus

Winter Honeysuckle (*Lonicera x purpusii*)

Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*)

Redcurrants, Blackcurrants, Gooseberries*

Pussy willow (*Salix*)*

Thymes (*Thymus*)

Perennial Cornflower (*Centaurea montana*)

Winter Heather (*Erica carnea*)

Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*)*

Rhododendron

Pears, cherries or plums

SUMMER

Brassicas (cabbage etc) left to flower

Pea (everlasting, sweet) and Beans (runner and broad)

Foxgloves (*Digitalis purpurea** and other species)

Catmint (*Nepeta*: many kinds)

Hyssop (*Agastache*)

Woundworts and Betony (*Stachys* species)*

Knapweeds (*Centaurea scabiosa*, *C. nigra*)*

Lupins (herbaceous and shrubby species)

*Origanum vulgare** and other *Origanum* species

Calamintha species*

Hebe or Speedwells: *Veronica** , *Veronicastrum*)

Sea Hollies (*Eryngium* : all species)

Globe Thistle (*Echinops*: all species)

Other thistle-like plants (*Onopordum**, *Cirsium*, etc)

Myrtle (*Myrtus communis*)

Cranesbills (wild *Geraniums**)

Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum*)

Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)

Aquilegia vulgaris (single flowered only)*

Larkspur (*Consolida*: single flowered only)

Delphiniums (single flowered only)

Viper's Bugloss (*Echium vulgare*)*

Scabiouses (*Knautia**, *Scabiosa**, *Cephalaria*)

Honeywort (*Cerinthe*)

*Iris pseudacorus** and *I. siberica*,

Lavender (esp. the tall L. 'intermedia' forms)

Sainfoin (*Onobrychis*)*

Purple Toadflax (*Linaria purpurea*)

Bell Heather (*Erica cinerea*)*

Chives* and ornamental garlics (*Allium* species)

Bellflowers or Campions (*Campanulas**; wild sp.)

Comfrey (*Symphytum*)*

Borage (*Borago officinalis*)

Escallonia

Brambles* (wild or cultivated)

Raspberries and Blackberries*

LATE SUMMER

Aster Novi-angliae cultivars (hairy-leaved Michaelmas daisy), and *Aster amellus* and its cultivars; these two species are not invasive.

Buddleja x weyeriana (orange Buddleia)

Some Hardy Fuchsias (forms of *F. magellanica*)

Cornish Heath (*Erica vagans*)*

Sedum 'Matrona'

Culinary sage, Meadow Clary (*Salvia pratensis*)* and other blue-flowered *Salvias*

Succisa pratensis (Devil's Bit Scabious)*

Native Goldenrod (*Solidago virgaurea** only) - other kinds of Goldenrod are very invasive

Marsh Woundwort (*Stachys palustris*)*

Single- flowered Dahlias

Helianthus x "Lemon Queen"

Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus unedo*)

Mallow (*Malva* and *Lavatera*)

SPECIALLY FOR POLLEN

Single-flowered wild and shrub roses,

e.g. *Rosa moyesii*, *Rosa gallica officinalis*, *R.*

'Complicata', *R. virginiana*, *R. canina**, *R.*

*pimpinellifolia**, *R. mollis**, *R. 'Frances E. Lester'*;

and many others

*Plants marked with an asterisk are native British flowers.

*Hypericum*s

Single-flowered poppies (*Papaver rhoeas**, *P.*

somniferum, *Meconopsis cambrica**)

Yellow Broom*, and broom-like plants (*Genista*,

Cytisus, *Dorycnium* etc)

GENERALLY NOT MUCH GOOD FOR BUMBLEBEES:

Jasmine; Forsythia; Lilies (*Lilium*), Arum Lilies (*Zantedeschia*), Gladiolus; Lilac (*Syringa*); Magnolia; Hydrangea; Viburnum; Lobelia; Cannas; Crocosmias; Kniphophias, Phormiums, Most Penstemons, Most Umbellifers (Carrot Family: Fennel, Angelica etc.); Bearded Irises; Astilbe; Hemerocallis; Tulips; Alstroemeria.; Sunflowers; Yuccas; Pelargoniums; Pansies; Dianthus (pinks and Sweet Williams) Evening Primrose (*Oenothera*) Ox-Eye Daisy and most other white daisies; H.T. roses; Most bedding plants, *Buddleja Davidii*, *Sedum 'Herbstfreude'*.