

BEE FRIENDLY GARDENS



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Blooming Period

PLANTS & FLOWERS

△ = Native species	Common Name	Latin Name	Colour	Height	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
△	New England aster	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	purple, blue	18"						√	√	√
△	flat-topped aster	<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>	white & yellow	30-72"					√	√		
△	wild bergamot, beebalm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	lavender pink / violet blue	2-3 ft				√	√	√		
△	bergamot, bee balm	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	red	2-3 ft				√	√	√		
△	Culver's root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	white	2-6ft					√	√	√	
△	great blue lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	blue	2-3ft					√	√	√	
△	cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	red	2-4ft					√	√	√	
△	sharplobe hepatica	<i>Hepatica nobilis var. acuta</i>	white, pink, blue	4-6"	√	√	√					
△	anise hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	blue	2-4ft				√	√	√		
△	bluebell, harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	blue	1-2ft				√	√	√	√	√
△	closed bottle gentian	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>	dark blue, purple	1-2ft						√	√	√
△	spotted Joe pye weed	<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i> (form. <i>Eupatorium</i>)	light to deep purple	4-7ft					√	√	√	
△	Joe pye weed	<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i> (form. <i>Eupatorium</i>)	mauve pink	5-7ft					√	√	√	
△	swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> (& other species)	deep pink, rose-purple	2-4ft				√	√	√		
△	Canadian white violet	<i>Viola canadensis</i>	white, can be tinged purple	8-16"			√	√	√			
△	yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	white	2-3ft				√	√	√	√	
△	blazing star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	red-purple	2-4ft				√	√	√		
△	wild lupine	<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	blue	2-3ft			√	√				
△	beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	white	3-5ft				√	√			
△	pale purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	pale purple, pink	2-3ft				√	√	√		
△	black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	golden yellow	1-2ft				√	√	√	√	√
△	goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	yellow	3-5ft					√	√	√	
△	Jerusalem artichoke	<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i>	golden yellow	6-10ft				√	√	√	√	
△	spiderwort, spider lily	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	blue-violet, sometimes white	1-2ft		√	√	√	√	√		
	hellebore	<i>Helleborus spp.</i>	white, pink, purple	1.5-2ft	√	√	√	√				
	snow crocus	<i>Crocus tommasinianus</i>	deep violet-purple	6"	√	√						
	Siberian squill	<i>Scilla siberica</i>	blue	6"		√						
	betony	<i>Stachys officinalis</i>	rose-lavender	1.5-2ft				√	√	√	√	
	catmint	<i>Nepeta racemosa</i>	lavender blue	2-2.5ft			√	√	√	√	√	
	common sage	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>	blue	2-2.5ft				√	√			
	perennial sage, Balkan Clary	<i>Salvia nemorosa</i> 'Amethyst'	reddish-violet	0.5-3ft				√	√	√		
	sweet basil	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	magenta	1-2ft				√	√	√	√	√
	English lavender	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	lavender blue	1-1.5ft				√	√	√		
	English thyme, common thyme	<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	pale purple	6-12"			√	√	√			
	mother of thyme	<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	deep pink	1-3"				√	√			

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△	red osier dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	white, cream	4-6ft			√	√				
△	Eastern redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	pink	12-15ft		√	√					
△	Alleghany serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	white	15-30ft		√	√					
△	common elderberry, elder	<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis</i>	white	12ft			√	√	√			
△	buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	white	6-12ft+				√	√	√		
△	fragrant sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	yellow	2-6ft		√						
△	staghorn sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	greenish yellow	15-25ft				√	√			
△	nannyberry	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	white	14-16ft			√					
△	mapleleaf viburnum	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	white	3-6ft				√				
△	American basswood, linden	<i>Tilia americana</i>	pale yellow	60-80ft+		√	√	√				