

Here are some of the many varieties of flowering plants that bees love.

It's better to plant a number of the same plants than many different varieties as bees are attracted to larger expanses of one kind of flower. Honey bees practice floral fidelity, visiting only one species of plant per foraging trip. Studies have found bees will visit patches at least 3x3 feet in size. When designing a garden, large groupings of one variety are more desirable than many different varieties.

Annuals

Aster
Calendula
Cleome
Clover
Cosmos
Dandelion
Heliotrope
Poppy
Sunflower
Sweet Alyssum
Sweet Williams
Zinnia

Perennials

Allium
Anemone
Clematis
Crocus
Dahlia
Echinacea
Geraniums
Globe thistle
Hollyhock
Monarda
Penstemon
Sedum

Herbs

Borage
Catmint
Fennel
Hyssop
Lavender
Lemon Balm
Mint
Oregano
Rosemary
Sage
Thyme
Salvia

The trees listed below are a precious resource for the honey bee.

Black Alder (Common Alder)
Black Locust
Catalpa
Crabapple, Magenta
Crabapple, Sargent
Lilac, Common Purple
Linden, American (Basswood)
Linden, European (Littleleaf Linden)
Linden, Silver

Red Maple
Redbud
Stewartia
Sumac, Fragrant
Sumac, Staghorn
Tulip Tree
Willow, Black (Swamp Willow)
Willow, Pussy (Goat Willow)
Visit www.honeytreenuresery.com

Shrubs:

Barberry
Bluebeard
Clethra

Elderberry
Dogwood
Heather
PeeGee Hydrangea

Motherwort
Rose of Sharon
Snowberry
Thorny Elaeagnaceae



Recommended Resources Available Through Your Local Library

Garden Plants For Honey Bees
by Peter Lindtner

**Pollinators of Native Plants: Attract,
Observe & Identify Pollinators & Beneficial
Insects with Native Plants**
by Heather Holm

The Bee-Friendly Garden
by Kate Frey and Gretchen LeBuhn

The Beeman (Children's Book)
by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis

First Lessons in Beekeeping
by Keith S. Delaplane

Backyard Beekeeper's Honey Handbook
by Kim Flottum

Honey: Over 75 Farm-Fresh Recipes
by Hatherleigh Press

**Honey: A Complete Guide to Honey's
Flavors and Culinary Uses With Over 80
Recipes**

No-Bake Energy Bites

1 cup oatmeal
1 cup coconut flakes
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup ground flaxseed or wheat
germ
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
1/3 cup **honey**
1 tsp vanilla
Mix all ingredients. Place in
refrigerator for 30 minutes. Roll into
1 inch balls. Enjoy! Store in an
airtight container in the refrigerator
for up to a week. Freezes well!

Spot a Honey Bee Swarm?

Check out the Swarm Removal List to
contact a beekeeper in your area:

[http://www.hollandbees.org/Services/
Honeybee-Swarm-Removal](http://www.hollandbees.org/Services/Honeybee-Swarm-Removal)

**The Holland Area Beekeepers
Association meets regularly at GVSU -
Meijer Campus, 515 S. Waverly, Holland,
MI 49423. Check
www.hollandbees.org for our schedule.
All those interested in honey bees are
welcome to attend.**

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