



Yavapai County Plants that Attract Bees

- Bees prefer blue, purple, and yellow flowers and sweet fragrances.
- All bee species don't frequent all flowers because bee tongue lengths vary. Long tongues fit long, tubular flowers like penstemons and short tongues fit short-tubed flowers like sunflowers.

SPRING	
<p>Cactus: Prickly Pear, <i>Opuntia</i></p> <p>Vine: Honeysuckle, <i>Lonicera</i></p> <p>Trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert willow, <i>Chilopsis</i> • Flowering trees-ornamental pears, apples, peaches, ornamental plums, chokecherry • Maple, <i>Acer</i> • Mesquite, <i>Prosopis</i> <p>Shrubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barberry, <i>Berberis</i> • Buckbrush, <i>Ceanothus</i>, <i>Ceanothus</i> • Coffeeberry, <i>Rhamnis californica</i> • Currant, <i>Ribes</i> • Elder, <i>Sambucus</i> • False Indigo, <i>Amorpha</i> • Forsythia, <i>Forsythia</i> • Lavender, <i>Lavandula</i> • Lilac, <i>Syringia</i> • Manzanita, <i>Arctostaphylos</i> • Mock Orange, <i>Philadelphus</i> • Oregon Grape, <i>Mahonia</i> • Rosemary, <i>Rosmarinus</i> • Serviceberry, <i>Amelanchior</i> • Sumac, <i>Rhus</i> • Willows, <i>Salix</i> 	<p>Flowers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bee Plant, <i>Cleome</i> • Blanket Flower, <i>Gaillardia</i> • Buckwheat, <i>Eriogonum</i> • California Poppy, <i>Eschscholzia</i> • Coral bells, <i>Heuchera</i> • Flax, <i>Linum</i> • Fleabane, <i>Erigeron</i> • Globemallow, <i>Sphaeralcea</i> • Golden Alyssum, <i>Lobularia maritima</i> • Lupine, <i>Lupinus</i> • Meadowsweet, <i>Spirea</i> • Oregano, <i>Origanum</i> • Penstemon, Beardtongue, <i>Penstemon</i> • Prairie clover, <i>Dalea</i> • Tansyaster, <i>Machaeranthera</i> • Thistle, <i>Cirsium</i>

Common Name (if there is one), *Scientific name*



SUMMER

Trees:

Locust, *Robinia*

Shrubs:

- *Baccharis species*
- Bird of Paradise, *Caesalpinia*
- Fernbush, *Chamaebatiera*
- Lantana, *Lantana*
- Rose, *Rosa* (single-flowered only- 4 to 8 petals)
- Russian sage, *Perovskia* (can be invasive)

Flowers:

- Aster, *Symphyotrichum*
- Bee Balm, Bergamot, Monarda, *Monarda*
- Beeplant, *Cleome*
- Black-eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia*
- Buckwheat, *Eriogonum*
- Clover, *Trifolium*
- Coneflower, *Echinacea*
- Daylily, *Hemerocallis*
- Gayfeather, *Liatris*
- Hummingbird Mint, Hyssop, *Agastache*
- Lupine, *Lupinus*
- Marigold, *Tagetes*, *Calendula officinalis*
- Mint, *Mentha*
- Phlox, *Phlox*
- Prairie Coneflower, *Ratibida*
- Showy stonecrop, *Sedum spectabile*
- Sunflower, *Helianthus*
- Thyme, *Thymus*
- Valerian, Jupiter's Beard, *Centranthus*
- Yarrow, *Achillea*
- Zinnia, *Zinnia*

FALL

Shrubs:

- Rabbit brush, *Ericameria nauseosus*
- Blue Mist Spirea, *Caryopteris*
- Sage, *Salvia*

Flowers:

- Aster, *Symphyotrichon*
- *Cosmos species*
- Goldenrod, *Solidago*

Additional Resource:

Landscaping for Wildlife-Plant Lists, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service, Yavapai County Bulletin 6B, Last page updated February 26, 2016

<https://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/attachment/landscapingforwildlifepantlists.pdf>