

Top 5 Bee Friendly Perennials



Bees play a major role in producing the food we eat through pollination. That's why it is important to care for them by planting flowers, perennials, and shrubs that make them happy for their work. That's why this week we'll focus on our **Top 5 Perennials for Bees.**

5. Penstemon (Bearded Tongue)

Penstemon plants come in a variety of shapes, colors and bloom times to deliver texture and dimension to your garden across the seasons. They love hot, sunny, and dry growing conditions. A favorite among hummingbirds and bees, Penstemon will add beautiful flowers in early and mid summer.



4. Allium (Ornamental Chive)



Allium is a favorite among bees and people alike! They are great for pollinating by providing ball shaped flowers in summertime. And the blooms absolutely cover the plant! Allium grows great in full sun, generally reaching 18-24 inches in height.

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3. Salvia (Meadow Sage)

Salvia plants, commonly known as Sage, are long-blooming, deer resistant, and easy to care for. Salvia are essential garden perennials for feeding honey bees and are a favorite among hummingbirds. They come in a variety of sizes and colors, so you can pick the perfect one for you!



2. Nepeta (Catmint)



Nepeta (photo credit Walter's Gardens)

Nepeta is a great option for everyone! It is low maintenance, drought tolerant, and deer resistant to go along with its long bloom time of blue flowers. Nepeta grows fairly low, with most varieties reaching two feet in height. They will even attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and our bee friends!

1. Lavender

Lavender plants are enjoyed for their richly colored flowers and fabulous soothing fragrance. They thrive in hot, sunny sites with fast draining soils. Some varieties will rebloom in fall after their spring flush! They are a superb choice for a drought tolerant garden and important selection for butterflies and bees!



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