



PLANTING FOR NATIVE BEES



The Pacific Northwest is home to more than 600 native bee species, and each one has a different lifespan. This is why it's important to have a garden with different bloom times throughout the year. Use this list as a guide to create a diverse habitat for all of our pollinators!

Small Plants (3' and under)									
Plant Name	Season	Bee Use	Bloom	Size	Soil	Sun			
Aster	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			<30"H		
Spring	Summer	Fall							
Fringecup	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			18"		
Spring	Summer	Fall							
Hardy Geranium*	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			12"H and wider		
Spring	Summer	Fall							
Kinnickinnick	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			Mat forming		
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Low Oregon Grape	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			2'H x 3'W		
Spring	Summer	Fall							
Piggyback	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			12" dia		
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Pearly Everlasting	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			To 24" dia		
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Stonecrop	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			Mat forming		
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Tall Sedum*	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			Most <18" dia		
Spring	Summer	Fall							
Western Columbine	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			12-18" dia		
Spring	Summer	Fall							
Wild Yarrow	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Spring</td> <td>Summer</td> <td>Fall</td> </tr> </table>	Spring	Summer	Fall			<30"H		
Spring	Summer	Fall							

While the bumble bee can buzz from spring to early fall, most native bee species live only a few weeks!

KEY

- = drought-tolerant
- = moisture-tolerant
- = ordinary moisture requirements
- = shade
- = part sun
- = sun
- * = non-native



We have more resources on native bees and other pollinators on our website! To learn more, visit snohomishcd.org/pollinators or scan the QR code.

Medium Plants (3-6')

Abelia*	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			3' -6' dia.		
Cultivated Blueberries*	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			3' to 8' dia		
Canada Goldenrod	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			To 4'H x 2'W		
Lily-of-the-Valley Bush*	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			24" to 8' dia		
Lupine	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			Varies		
Salal	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			3'dia		
Snowberry	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			3'-5' dia		
Spirea*	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			4' dia		
Tall Oregon Grape	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			To 6'H x 3'W		

Tall Plants (Over 6')

Crabapple	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			20'-30'H x 20'W		
Evergreen Huckleberry	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			To 8'H x 5'W		
Pacific Ninebark	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			12' dia		
Redvein Enkianthus	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			10' dia		
Red-flowering Currant	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			8' dia		
Red Huckleberry	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			To 8'H x 4'W		
Rhododendron	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			To 12' dia		
Vine Maple	Spring: [][][] Summer: [][] Fall: []			15'-20' dia		

Information provided by Peg Ferm, Landscape Architect.