Blossoming garden flowers favoured by bumblebees

Guidelines:

- ✓ Only use open-flowered varieties rather than double ones
- ✓ Plant in drifts
- ✓ Choose multi-headed plants
- ✓ Aim for a short list of varieties but plant in masses
- ✓ Omit begonias, petunias, pansies and scarlet geraniums
- ✓ Avoid chemical insecticides and particularly neonicotinoids

| | | Super flowers | Super flowers |
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| Annuals | Cosmos Field poppy Nasturtium Cornflower Malva Scabious Borage Sunflower Escholzia | | |
| Biennials | Antirhinum Foxglove Echium Hollyhock Lobelia speciosa Salvia fulgens Campanula Lupin | | 10,000 |
| Perennials | Cranesbill geranium Wallflower Pulmonaria Hellebore Catmint Knapweed Stachys | | |

Others

Daffodils
Dahlia
Crocus
Bluebell
Cyclamen





Also include shrubs such as roses, and trees to provide vital forage supplies for 12 months of the year (see separate sheet)

There is also a list of wildflowers for the rougher parts of the garden (see separate sheet)

A full list of suitable plants to provide nectar and pollen can be seen at www.bumblebeeconservation.org

Notes:

- ✓ For a quick splash of colour buy plants in bloom.
- ✓ Annuals bloom a month later than perennials.
- ✓ Biennials will not bloom in the first year.
- ✓ These plants will be good for other pollinators too (and creatures that feed on them).

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