Blossoming wild flowers favoured by bumblebees

Guidelines: Plant in drifts in the open or against hedges
Aim for a short list of varieties but plant in masses
Avoid chemical insecticides and particularly neonicotinoids

		Super flowers	Super flowers
Annuals	Corn marigold Cornflower Field poppy Borage Cosmos Phacelia		
Biennials	Vipers bugloss Foxglove		
Perennials	White dead nettle Wild marjoram Comfrey Field scabious Common knapweed Toad flax Meadow clary Red clover Malva Rough hawkbit Thyme Tufted vetch Ground ivy Yellow archangel Primrose Hedge woundwort		

Others	Wild daffodil Bluebell Snowdrop		

This is not an exhaustive list but is based on the plants that are the most valuable to bumblebees in this area.

Shrubs such as dog roses, honeysuckle, rosemary, lavender, heather, gorse and bramble as well as some trees can be added to provide vital forage 12 months of the year (see separate sheet).

There is also a list of garden flowers for the more organised 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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