

Plants for Pollinators

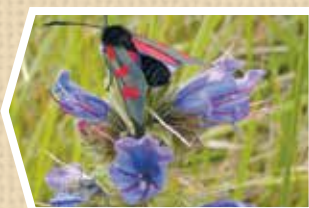


There are endless combinations of wildflowers that you can select for a meadow, or wildflower-filled container or raised bed if space is limited. Here are some of our favourite plants for pollinators. Always select plants that are suitable for your soil conditions and use plants and seed of native stock.

Viper's bugloss

(Echium vulgare)

The ultimate bumblebee plant! Long flowering period, and excellent in medium height grass.



Yellow rattle

(Rhinanthus minor)

Attracts a range of pollinators and is a useful tool in managing grass to promote wildflowers.

Red clover

(Trifolium pratense)

Thrives in short grass, bumblebees love it.



Lesser knapweed

(Centaurea nigra)

Good in medium height grass, great bee and butterfly plant.

Field scabious

(Knautia arvensis)

Good in short grass and great for bees.



Wild carrot

(Daucus carota)

Grows well in medium-long grass, flowers are useful for hoverflies and beetles.

Bird's-foot trefoil

(Lotus corniculatus)

Long flowering season, good in short grass - great for solitary mining bees.



Oxeye daisy

(Leucanthemum vulgare)

Essential in any meadow!

Selfheal

(Prunella vulgaris)

Another plant for short grass.



Red campion

(Silene dioica)

Grows well in shady spots under trees or along hedgerows.

Drought friendly planting

The right garden plants in pots, containers or raised beds can also provide insects with valuable pollen and nectar. This might be ideal if you only have a small area of land, little time to spare to look after a meadow or want a more formal appearance. However they can dry out during the summer, so it is important to choose the right species, such as drought tolerant plants. As an added bonus you will also save water in summer heat waves!

English lavender
(*Lavandula angustifolia*)
A popular fragrant garden plant for both people and bumblebees.



Jerusalem sage
(*Phlomis fruticosa*)
Flowers throughout the summer.



Wild marjoram
(*Oreganum vulgare*)
A magnet for bees of all kinds - and useful in the kitchen too!



Juniper-leaved thrift
(*Armeria juniperifolia*)
A hardy mat-forming plant providing spring forage.



Globe thistle
(*Echinops sphaerocephalus*)
Distinctive with its spikey leaves and bristly globe flower heads.



Italian aster
(*Aster amellus*)
Striking daisy-type flowers, ideal for pollinators.



Ice plant
(*Sedum spectabile*)
A clump forming succulent with pink flowers in late summer.



Purple toadflax
(*Linaria purpurea*)
A tall, long-flowering plant loved by moths.



Lamb's ear
(*Stachys byzantina*)
Wool-carder bees (*Anthidium manicatum*) collect the leaf hairs to make nests!



'Bowles Mauve' wallflower
(*Erysimum linifolium*)
Purple flowers which are great for bees.



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