

**Marin Chapter
California Native Plant Society
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CA Native Plants That Provide Nectar & Pollen for Bees

For best results in bee gardening, we recommend that advance planning take place to insure that continual bee floral food will be available for both spring and summer seasons. There are distinct groups of bees present in each season; some groups can be observed year round.

We always plant a minimum of 10–15 diverse bee plants each season. Higher bee diversity and abundance occurs when gardens have a rich assortment of bee plants. It also appears that bees remain longer in the garden if plant diversity is high. Finally, we find that a patch of about 1 meter in diameter or larger is best for keeping foraging bees visiting a given plant species or cultivar. Smaller patch sizes will often be ignored.

Key to Bee Groups	
And	Andrenid (Mining Bee)
Ant	Anthophorid (Digger Bee)
Anthid	Anthidium (Wool Carder Bee)
B	Bombus (Bumble Bee)
Cer	Ceratina (Small Carpenter Bee)
Cuckoo	Cuckoo Bee
D	Diadasia (Digger Bee)
H	Halictid (Sweat Bee)
Hab	Habropoda (Digger Bee)
Hb	European Honey Bee
Hy	Hylaeus (Masked bee)
Meg	Megachilid (Leaf Cutting Bee)
Mel-Sv	Melissodes & Svastra (Summer Long-horned Bee)
Osm	Osmia (Mason Bee)
Sm	Small Megachilid (Small Leaf Cutting Bee)
X	Xylocopa (Carpenter Bee)
Key to Attractiveness Rating	
A+	20+ bee species collected
A	15+ bee species collected
B	10+ bee species collected
C	5+ bee species collected

Information courtesy of **Urban Bee Lab**, UC Berkeley. www.helpabee.org

Urban Bee Lab, Seasonal Recommendend Plant List
Greater Bay Area

as of April 2016

Year Round Plants

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANT FAMILY	ORIGIN	ANNUAL OR PERENNIAL	POLLEN OR NECTAR	ATTRACTIVE NESS	MAIN BEE VISITORS
<i>Encelia californica</i>	Bush sunflower	Aster.	CA	Per	P/N	C	B, Cer, H, Meg, Mel-Sv, Osm
<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	Seaside daisy	Aster.	CA	Per	P/N	C	Ant, Cer, H, Meg, Osm

Spring Plants

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANT FAMILY	ORIGIN	ANNUAL OR PERENNIAL	POLLEN OR NECTAR	ATTRACTIVE NESS	MAIN BEE VISITORS
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	Manzanita	Eric.	CA	Per	N	C	B, Ant, Hab, Hb
<i>Berberis</i> spp.	Barberry	Berberid.	CA	Per	N		Ant, Osm
<i>Carpenteria californica</i>	Bush Anemone	Philad.	CA	Per	P		B, H, Osm, Meg
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Julia Phelps' 'Dark Star'	CA Lilac	Rham.	CA	Per	P		B, H
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Ray Hartman'	CA Lilac	Rham.	CA	Per	P	C	And, B, Hab, Hy
<i>Ceanothus thrysiflorus</i> 'Skylark'	CA Lilac	Rham.	CA	Per	P	C	And, B
<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Western Redbud	Fabac.	CA	Per	N		X, Osm
<i>Clarkia unguiculata</i>	Mountain Garland	Onagr.	CA	Ann	N		B, Osm, Hb
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Chinese houses	Plantag.	CA	Ann	N		B
<i>Gilia capitata</i>	Globe gilia	Polem.	CA	Ann	P/N	C	B, And, Meg, H
<i>Layia platyglossa</i>	Tidytips	Aster.	CA	Ann	P/N		Mel, Meg, B, Hb
<i>Phacelia cicutaria</i>	Caterpillar phacelia	Borag.	CA	Ann	P/N	C	Ant, B
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	Tansy phacelia	Borag.	CA	Ann	P/N	A	And, Ant, Hb, B, Cer, H, Hy, Osm
<i>Salvia brandegeei</i>	Brandegee sage	Lamiac.	CA	Per	N	C	And, Ant, B, Cer, Hab, Osm
<i>Salvia munzii</i>	Munzi's sage	Lamiac.	CA	Per	N	C	And, B, Hab

Spring/Summer Plants

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANT FAMILY	ORIGIN	ANNUAL OR PERENNIAL	POLLEN OR NECTAR	ATTRACTIVE NESS	MAIN BEE VISITORS
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common yarrow	Aster.	CA	Per	P	C	Hb, Cer, H, Hy, Meg
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	CA poppy	Papaver.	CA	Ann	P	A	And, B, Cer, H, Meg
<i>Fremontodendron californicum</i>	CA flannelbush	Malv.	CA	Per	N	C	And, B, H, X
<i>Helenium puberulum</i>	Sneezeweed	Aster.	CA	Per	P/N		Meg, Mel
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	Foothills penstemon	Plantag.	CA	Per	N		B, Osm
<i>Phacelia californica</i>	CA phacelia	Borag.	CA	Per	P/N	C	And, B, Hy, Osm
<i>Phacelia distans</i>	Distant phacelia	Borag.	CA	Ann	P/N	C	And, Ant, H, Sm, Osm
<i>Phacelia viscida</i>	Sticky phacelia	Borag.	CA	Ann	P/N	C	Cer, H, Hy, Meg, Osm
<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Black sage	Lamiac.	CA	Per	N	B	And, Anthid, Ant, B, Hab, Osm
<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	Desert globemallow	Malv.	CA	Per	P/N	C	D, H, Meg, Mel-Sv
<i>Verbena laciostachys</i>	Western verbena	Verben.	CA	Per	N		Hb, Ant, B

Summer/Fall Plants

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANT FAMILY	ORIGIN	ANNUAL OR PERENNIAL	POLLEN OR NECTAR	ATTRACTIVE NESS	MAIN BEE VISITORS
<i>Eriogonum grande</i> var. <i>rubescens</i>	Red buckwheat	Polygon.	CA	Per	N	B	B, H, Hy, Meg, Mel-Sv
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	CA buckwheat	Polygon.	CA	Per	N	C	And, Sm, Hb, Hy, Cuckoo
<i>Eriogonum latifolium</i>	Coast buckwheat	Polygon.	CA	Per	N	C	B, H, Hy
<i>Grindelia hirsutula</i>	Gum plant	Aster.	CA	Per	P/N	C	Cer, H, Meg, Mel-Sv, Sm, Osm
<i>Grindelia stricta</i>	Gum plant	Aster.	CA	Per	P/N	A	H, Hy, Meg, Mel-Sv
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower	Aster.	CA	Ann	P/N	C	Hb, H, Mel-Sv
<i>Helenium puberulum</i>	Sneezeweed	Aster.	CA	Per	P/N	C	Meg, Sm, H, Mel-Sv
<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Deerweed	Fabac.	CA	Per	N		Hb, B, Meg
<i>Madia elegans</i>	Elegant tarweed	Aster.	CA	Ann	P/N		Mel, Hb
<i>Monardella villosa</i>	Coyote mint	Lamiac.	CA	Per	P/N	C	Hb, B, Mel-Sv, H
<i>Symphiotrichum chilense</i> (syn. <i>Aster chilensis</i>)	Pacific aster	Aster.	CA	Per	P/N	C	Hb, H, Meg
<i>Solidago californica</i>	CA goldenrod	Aster.	CA	Per.	P/N	A	H, B, Meg, Hy, Cer, Cuckoo, Hb, Sm