## Flowers for Bees



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## **Overview**

Products bees use from flowers
How to attract bees to flowers
Flowers for bees

## Products from Flowers

 Pollen—protein source especially important for larva (brood) and young bees



Homestead

- Nectar—energy (carbohydrate) source and makes HONEY!
- And other ingredients vital to bee heath

## Flowers to Attract Bees

Variety with blooms over the entire season
In sufficient quantity
Color (white, yellow, purple)
High percentage sugar nectar
No pesticides

## **Flowers Varieties**



**Natives** Oregon Grape **Yarrow** Balsam Root **Buttercup** Service berry **Snowberry Hawthorn Wild** hollyhock Lupine



#### Crops

Alfalfa
Clover
Buckwheat
Sainfoin





Fruit trees

- Apple
- Peach
- Plum
- Cherry
- Pear

Berries & Currants
\*strawberry \*raspberry
\*blackberry \*huckleberry

\*blueberry

#### Red strawberry



# Berries & Currants \*Strawberry \*raspberry \*blueberry \*blackberry \*huckleberry



Sweet Clover
Thistle
Mustard
Mullein
St. John's Wort

**Weeds**Knapweed
Golden Rod
Dandelion
Hairy Vetch

**Canadian** Thistle



#### Herbs



Bee Balm

Basil
Catnip
Hyssop
Mint
Parsley

Borage
Lavender
Marjoram
Sage
Oregano

<u>Thyme</u> and <u>Lavende</u>r are two important blossoms because they both provide Thymol





Spanish lavender



Lavender

#### Garden



WATERMELON
HONEYDEW
CUCUMBER
PUMPKIN
SQUASH
PEAS
Corn



#### Seeds





### **Cultivated species**

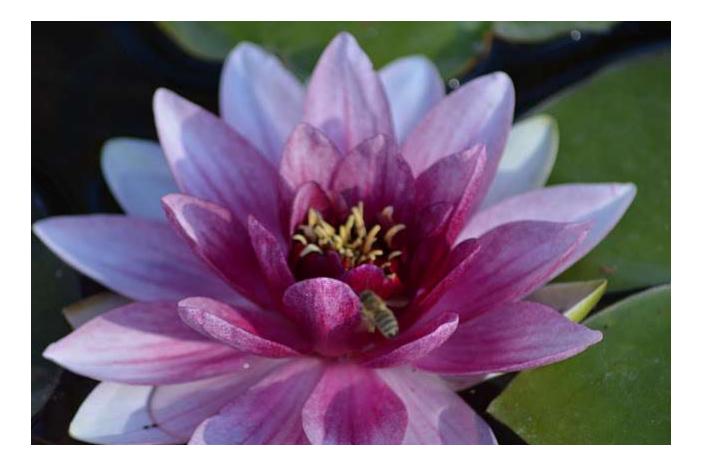
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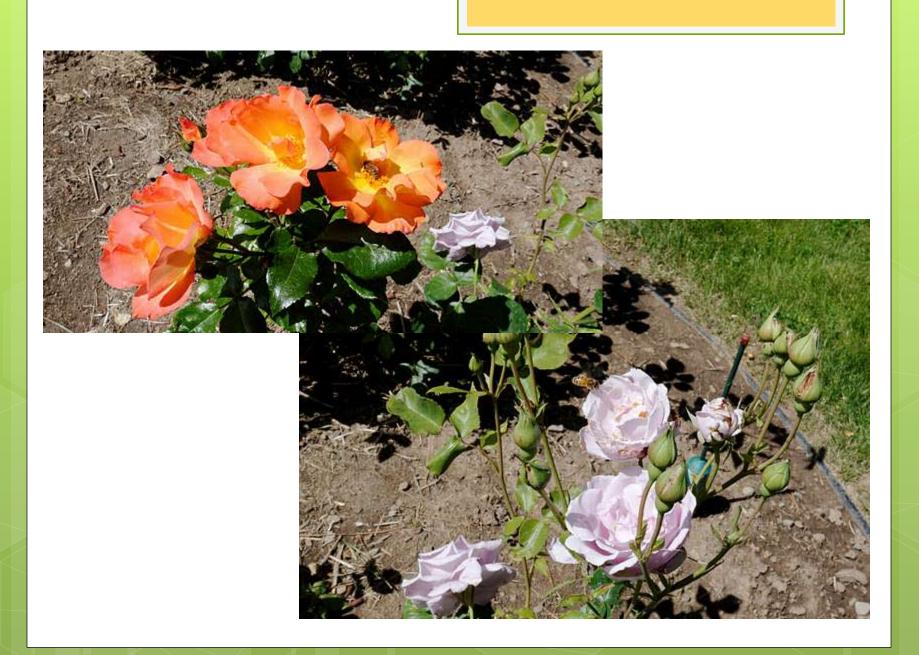
- Maple
- Cottonwood
- Hazelnut
- Aspen
- Pine













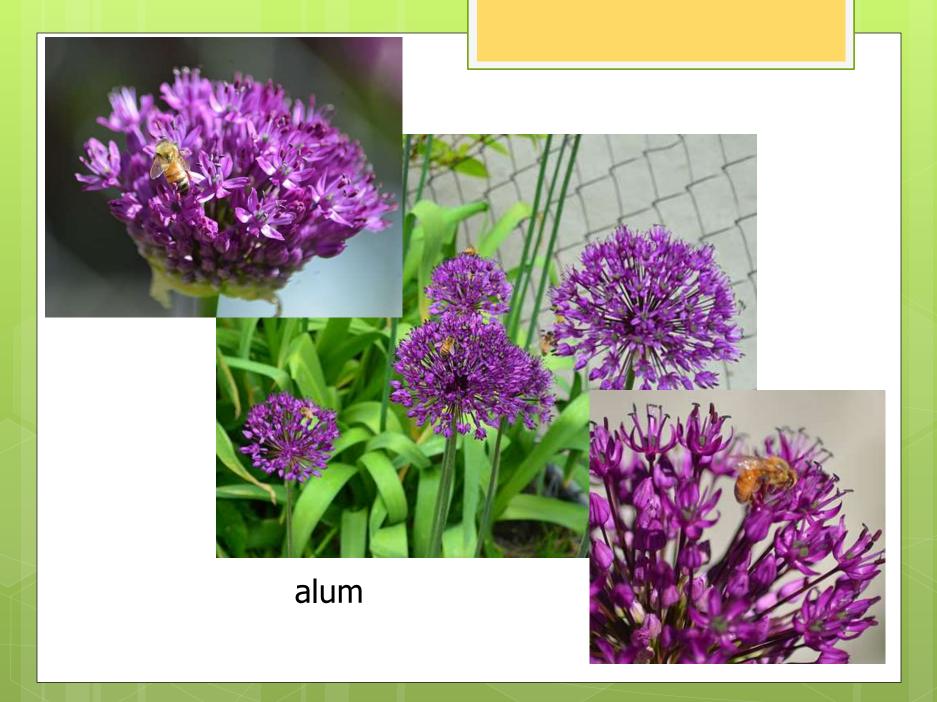






Bachelor button or cornflower







Honey suckle



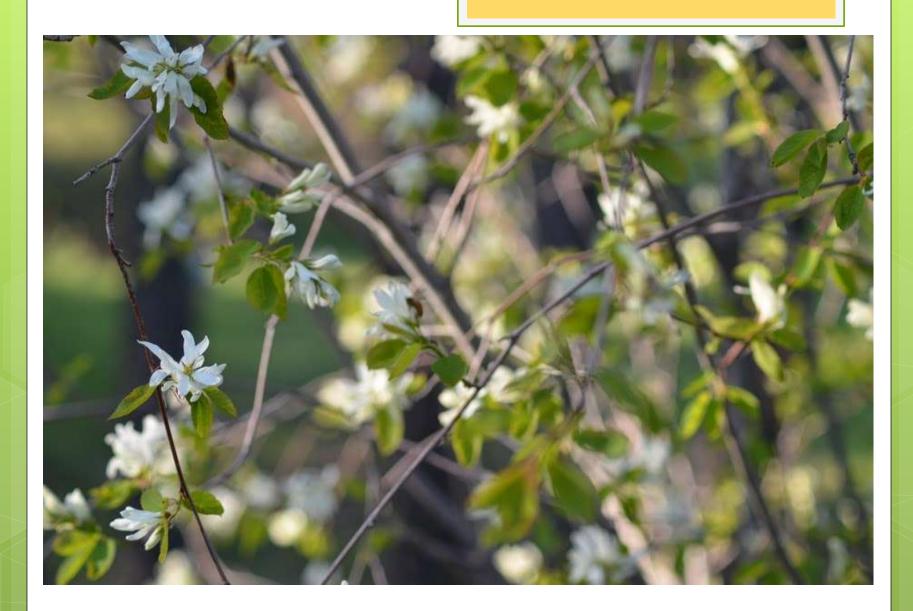
Caragana



Blue bugle











#### Vibrunum

#### **Other Flowers**

- Morning glory
- Daisy
- Aster
- Holly
- Hollyhock
- Crocus

