Creating a Bee Garden

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A bee-friendly landscape

• shelters and feeds native bees
• helps support honey bees
• ensures good pollination of your vegetables and fruits
• provides season-long beauty, diversity, and interest
Inviting?
Diversity is Key!

- In addition to plants:
  - Provide Shelter
  - Habitat
  - Use pesticides with caution.
pollination

- adequate pollination increases the *quantity* and *quality* of fruit and seed production
- some plants are self-pollinating
- Many plants require cross-pollination

- **pollinator**
  animal that carries pollen from one flower to another

- **pollinizer**
  a plant that produces viable and compatible pollen
encourage native pollinators

- maintain bee-friendly spaces
  - native plants attract native bees
  - avoid showy highly-bred varieties
    - little/no odor = little/no nectar
    - anthers replaced by petals = no pollen
encourage native pollinators

- plant large patches of the same flowers
- constant succession of blooms will keep pollinators returning to the garden
- mix of flower shapes and sizes bee colors: blue, purple, yellow
Glossy Abelia – *Abelia sp.*
Butterfly Weed
— Aesclepias tuberosa
Milkweed – *Aesclepias sp.*

Swamp milkweed
Agastache - Hyssop
Chives - Alliums

*Allium tuberosum*

*Allium schoenoprasum*
Columbine – Aquilegia sp.
Aruncus – Goats Beard
Drummond Aster

*Aster drummondii*
False Indigo - *Baptisia sp.*
Basil
Borage - *Borago officinalis*
Brunnera
Butterfly Bush

*Buddlea sp.*
Caryopteris
Basket Flower
*Centaurea americana*
Batchelor’s Buttons –

*Centaura cyanus*
Buttonbush –
*Cephalanthus occidentalis*
Redbud – *Cercis sp.*
Summersweet – Clethra alnifolia
Coreopsis
Purple coneflower - *Echinacea sp.*
Sea Holly *Eringium planum*
Hardy Ageratum

_Eupatorium coelestinum_
Joe Pye Weed – ‘Little Joe’

_Eutrochium purpureum_
Fennel
Carolina jasmine

_Gelsemium sempervirens_
Hardy Geranium - Geranium sp.
Sneezeweed – Helenium sp.
Sunflowers - *Helianthus sp.*

Sawtooth Sunflower
Hellebores
Holly – Ilex genus
Jewelweed - *Impatiens capensis*
Lavender – Lavendula sp.
Cardinal Flower Lobelia – 
*Lobelia cardinalis*

Rose Beacon
Mahonia
Bee Balm - Monarda sp.
Catmint – *Nepeta sp.*
Beardstongue – *Penstemon sp.*
Pickerel Weed - *Pontederia cordata*
Rudbeckia – Black-eyed Susan
Elderberry - *Sambucus*
Sedum
Goldenrod

*Solidago sp.*
Comfrey
Symphytum officinale
Veronica - Speedwell
Vetch
Chaste Tree - *Vitex agnus-castus*
Water Source
Habitat
Be Bee Friendly!