

Pollinator Plants for Northwest Washington

PLANT	NATIVE	DROUGHT TOLERANT	DEER RESISTANT	NOTES
Achillea millefolium, Yarrow [Not cultivars with coloured flowers]	X	X	X	Wild bees, non-bee pollinators
Agastache foeniculum, Anise Hyssop, Giant-Hyssop			X	
Allium cernuum, Nodding Onion	X	X	X	
Anaphalis margaritacea, Pearly Everlasting	X	X	X	Sweat bees
Apiaceae Family Culinary Herbs, Dill, cilantro, parsley, angelica		X	X	Attracts many pollinators; one member of this family, Foeniculum vulgare, Common Fennel is a class B noxious weed,,; avoid planting. F. Vulgare var. azoricum, Bulbing Fennel is OK.
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi, Kinnickinnick	x	X	X	
Bellis perennis, English Daisy			X	Sweat bees, carpenter bees, other wild bees
Borago officinalis Borage, Common Borage		X	X	
Brassica Species Vegetables. Annuals: Chinese Cabbage, Mustards, Broccoli ; Biennials: Kale, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage				Attracts many types of pollinators
Calendula officinalis, Calendula, Pot Marigold [Not French marigold, Tagetes spp.]		X	X	Blooms all summer; wide variety of wild pollinators
Camassia quamash, Common Camas , C. leichtliini Great Camas		X	X	
Campanula species, Bellflowers			X?	
Ceanothus species, California Lilac		X		
Chamerion [=Epilobium] angustifolium, Fireweed	X			Bumble bees, honeybees
Chrysanthemum maximum, Shasta daisy				
Coreopsis tinctoria, Annual Coreopsis, Tickseed Not double-flowered cultivars			X	
Cornus stolonifera, Red Osier Dogwood	X			Honey bees, sweat bees, mining bees
Cosmos bipinnatus, Cosmos		X		Summer/Fall; many pollinators

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Cotoneaster species, Cotoneasters		X	X	Bumble bees, miner bees
Echinacea purpurea, Purple Coneflower [Not 'White Swan' or hybrids e.g. 'Pink Double Delight', 'Sunrise Big Sky']			X	Many pollinator groups, bees, flies, birds
Echinops species, Globe Thistle			X	Bumble bees, honeybees
Erica species, Heaths, Heathers Most bloom June to fall, some will continue through winter; E. cinerea June-Nov.; E. ciliaris July-Oct.; E. carnea Nov.-April			X	Bumble bees, sweat bees
Erigeron speciosus & other native species, Showy Daisy, Fleabane [Not hybrid cultivars]	X		X	Many native pollinators
Eriophyllum lanatum, Woolly Sunflower, Woolly Eriophyllum, Oregon Sunshine	X	X	X	
Eryngium planum, Plains Eryngo E. amethystinum, Sea Holly		X	X	
Eschscholzia californica, California Poppy		X	X?	Easily self-sows
Fagopyrum esculentum, Buckwheat				Attracts many species, including leafcutter bees
Fragaria chiloensis, Coastal Strawberry, Beach Strawberry	X	X	X	Bumble bees, mining bees, other wild pollinators
Gaillardia aristata, Brown-eyed Susan, Blanketflower [Not Gaillardia X grandiflora or other hybrids]	X	X	X	Bumble bees, leafcutter bees, other wild bees
Geranium species, Geranium, Cranesbill Geranium [Not Pelargonium "Geraniums"]		X	X	
Helenium autumnale, Mountain Sneezeweed [Not hybrid cultivars]	X			Honeybees, bumble bees, leafcutter bees
Helianthus annuus, Sunflowers Not double-flowered or pollen-less hybrids: e.g., 'Sunrich' series, 'Suntastic' & small-flowered cutting types				Attracts many types of pollinators
Holodiscus discolor, Oceanspray	X	x	X?	Mining bees, sweat bees; protect from deer until established
Hyssopus Officiinalis, True Hyssop				Attracts many pollinators

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Iberis sempervirens, Evergreen Candytuft			X	
Lamiaceae Family, Culinary Herbs Sage, rosemary, oregano, marjoram, mints, thyme		X	X	Attracts many pollinators
Lavendula spp., Lavender		X	X	Best for all kinds of bees
Liatris spicata, Gayfeather		X	X	
Linaria purpurea, Purple Toadflax			X	Bumble bees, carder bees
Lobularia maritima, Sweet Alyssum				Attracts many bees and non-bee pollnators
Mahonia aquifolium, Tall Oregon Grape; M. nervosa Dull Oregon Grape, Low Oregon Grape	X	X	X	
Monarda didyma, Beebalm, Bergamot			X	Bumble bees & other longtongued bees
Monarda fistulosa, Wild Bergamot			X	Bumble bees
Myosotis sylvatica, Forget-me-not, Wood Forget-me-not		X	X	Attracts many pollinators
Nepeta mussinii, Catmint, Catnip Mint Also Catnip N. cataria & other Nepeta species			X	
Penstemon davidsonii, Davidson's Penstemon			X	Rare wild bee species
Penstemon digitalis, Penstemon	X		X	Bumble bees, digger bees, mason bees
Perovskia atriplicifolia, Russian Sage		X	X	Bumble bees, carder bees
Phacelia tanacetifolia, Phacelia, Purple Tansy, Tansy Phacelia		X		Honeybees
Physocarpus capitatus, Pacific Ninebark	X			Protect from deer until established
Plectritus congesta, Sea Blush	X	X	X	Wild bees
Rhododendron macrophyllum, Pacific Rhododendron	X		X	Bumble bees
Ribes sanguineum, Red Flowering Currant	X	X	X?	Protect from deer until established
Rosa nutkana, Nootka Rose Rosa gymnocarpa Baldhip Rose, Woodland Rose	X	X	X	Honey bees, bumble bees; protect from deer until established
Rubus parviflorus, Thimbleberry	X		X?	Bumble bees, honeybees
Rudbeckia fulgida, Black-eyed Susan			X	

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Scilla siberica Scilla, Squill		X	X	Attracts many types of bees
Sedum spathulifolium, Broad-leaved Stonecrop ; S. lanceolatum Lance-leaved Stonecrop		X	X	
Sedum spectabile & others, Sedums		X		
Senecio cineraria, Dusty miller		X	X	Leafcutter bees
Solidago lepida, Western Canada Goldenrod ; S. canadensis Canada Goldenrod	X		X	Bumble bees, digger bees, sweat bees, leafcutter bees
Spiraea douglasii, Hardhack, Spirea	X		X?	Bumble bees, flower flies, sweat bees; protect from deer until established
Stachys albotomentosa or S.coccinea, Scarlet Hedgenettle, Stachys 'Hildago'			X	Honeybees
Stachys byzantina, Lamb's-Ear, Woolly Lamb's Ear			X	Carder bees
Symphoricarpos albus, Common Snowberry	X	X		Bumble bees, mining bees, non-bee pollinators
Symphyotrichum [=Aster] subspicatum, Douglas Aster	X		X	Attracts many native pollinators
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae, New England Aster			X	Attracts many native pollinators
Thymus spp., Thymes, many species		X	X	Many pollinator groups
Trifolium incarnatum, Crimson clover		X	X	
Trifolium species, Red Clover, & White Dutch Clover		X		Bumble bees, mason bees, honey bees
Veronicastrum virginicum, Culver's Root				

Resources:

Linda Gilkeson, www.lindagilkeson.ca

Xerces Society, www.xerces.org

Garden Plants for Honeybees, by Peter Lindtner