

PLANTS BEES LIKE BEST



Bee-Friendly Trees & Shrubs

All of these plants are regularly visited by bees!

Common Name	Scientific Name	Native	Type	Rating ¹	Bloom Time							
					Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Cornelian cherry	<i>Cornus mas</i>	nonnative	tree	☺☺☺	*							
Dwarf fothergilla	<i>Fothergilla gardenia</i>	native	shrub	☺☺	*	*						
Winter honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i>	nonnative	shrub	☺☺	*	*						
Higan weeping cherry	<i>Prunus subhirtella</i> 'pendula'	nonnative	tree	☺☺	*	*						
Higan cherry	<i>Prunus subhirtella</i> 'autumnalis'	nonnative	tree	☺☺☺	*	*						
Flowering cherry	<i>Prunus</i> spp.	Varies	tree	☺☺☺	*	*						
Flowering crabapple	<i>Malus</i> spp.	varies	tree	☺☺☺☺	*	*						
Burkwood viburnum	<i>Viburnum burkwoodii</i>	hybrid	shrub	☺☺		*						
Cherry laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	nonnative	shrub	☺☺		*	*					
Red horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus x carnea</i>	native	tree	☺☺		*	*					
American holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	native	tree	☺☺		*	*					
Foster's holly	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i>	hybrid	shrub	☺☺		*	*					
Winter king hawthorn	<i>Crataegus viridis</i>	native	tree	☺☺		*	*					
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i> spp.	Native	both	☺☺		*	*					
Eastern redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	native	tree	☺☺☺☺		*	*					
Black gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	native	tree	☺☺		*	*	*				
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	native	shrub	☺☺			*					
Fuzzy deutzia	<i>Deutzia scabra</i>	nonnative	shrub	☺☺			*					
Pyracantha	<i>Pyracantha</i> spp.	Nonnative	shrub	☺☺			*					
Japanese tree lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	nonnative	tree	☺☺			*	*				
American yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	native	tree	☺☺			*	*				
Mock orange	<i>Philadelphus</i> spp.	varies	shrub	☺☺			*	*				
Virginia spiraea	<i>Spiraea virginiana</i>	native	shrub	☺☺			*	*				
False Indigo	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	native	shrub	☺☺☺			*	*				
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	native	shrub	☺☺				*				
Climbing rose	<i>Rosa setigera</i>	native	shrub	☺☺☺				*				
Common winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	native	shrub	☺☺☺☺				*				
Sweetspire	<i>Itea virginica</i>	native	shrub	☺☺				*	*			
Bottlebrush buckeye	<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	native	shrub	☺☺☺				*	*			
Linden	<i>Tilia cordata, americana</i>	nonnative	tree	☺☺☺				*	*			
Golden raintree	<i>Koelreuteria reticulata</i>	nonnative	tree	☺☺☺☺				*	*			
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum frondosum</i>	native	shrub	☺☺☺☺				*	*	*		
Devil's walking stick	<i>Aralia spinosa</i>	native	tree	☺☺☺					*	*		
PeeGee hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i>	nonnative	shrub	☺☺☺☺					*	*		
Clethra	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	native	shrub	☺☺☺					*	*		
Bee bee tree	<i>Tetradium danielii</i>	nonnative	tree	☺☺☺☺					*	*		
Winged sumac	<i>Rhus copallinum</i>	native	tree	☺☺☺☺					*	*		
Crape myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> spp.	nonnative	tree	☺☺					*	*	*	
Glossy abelia	<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i>	nonnative	shrub	☺☺☺					*	*	*	
Seven-son flower	<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>	nonnative	tree	☺☺☺☺						*	*	*
Chaste tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	nonnative	tree	☺☺☺						*	*	*

¹Visitation ratings, Ohio Valley Region:

☺☺ = moderate	☺☺☺ = heavy	☺☺☺☺ = very heavy
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BEE MAGNETS



Ten Great Trees & Shrubs for Honeybees

Common Name	Scientific Name
Cornelian cherry	<i>Cornus mas</i>
Higan cherry	<i>Prunus subhirtella 'autumnalis'</i>
Foster's holly	<i>Ilex x attenuata</i>
American yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>
Common winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>
Linden	<i>Tilia cordata, T. americana</i>
Golden raintree	<i>Koelreuteria reticulata</i>
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum frondosum</i>
Bee bee tree	<i>Tetradium danielii</i>
Winged sumac	<i>Rhus copallinum</i>

Ten Great Trees & Shrubs for Bumblebees

Common Name	Scientific Name
American yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>
False Indigo	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
Sweetspire	<i>Itea virginica</i>
Golden raintree	<i>Koelreuteria reticulata</i>
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum frondosum</i>
Clethra	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>
Glossy abelia	<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i>
Seven-son flower	<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>
Chaste tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>

Trees & Shrubs That Attract Relatively Few Bees

Common Name	Scientific Name
Forsythia	<i>Forsythia</i> spp.
Star magnolia	<i>Magnolia stellata</i>
European boxwood	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>
Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>
Japanese Kwanzan cherry	<i>Prunus 'Kwanzan'</i>
Mulan magnolia	<i>Magnolia liliiflora</i>
White azalea	<i>Azalea</i> spp.
Koreanspice viburnum	<i>Viburnum carlesii</i>
Carolina allspice	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>
White fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>
Hybrid tea rose	<i>Rosa</i> spp.
Smooth hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>
Bigleaf hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i>

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