

Cultivated plants in our garden

In general, flowers that are good for pollinators will have the following shapes: bowl-shaped (e.g. poppies), flat and daisy-like (e.g. asters), fluffy topped (e.g. astilbes, buddleia), globe-like (e.g. alliums), flat umbels (e.g. ammi), mint family, legume family, borage family. Single rather than double flowers are better if you have a choice of variety.

Rating for pollinators

- 1* Exceptional
- 1 E Good for early pollinators
- 1 Good
- 2 Quite good
- 3 Not good

Shrubs/trees in seasonal order

Mahonia 1* + berries
Winter flowering cherry 1 (early flowers)
Forsythia 3
Japonica 1
Exochorda 2
Apple 1
Hawthorn 1 *
Lilac 3
Conifer 2
Rhododendron 3
Rowan 1 + berries
Hypericum 2
Weigela 2
Cotoneaster 1* + berries
Euonymus 3
Roses (some 2)
Lavatera 1
Philadelphus 2
Buddleia 1 *
Potentilla 2
Pheasant berry + berries
Caryopteris (blue Spirea) 1 *

Herbs (all good for pollinators) 1 *

Thyme
Lavender
Marjoram
Rosemary

Flowering plants in seasonal order

Snowdrop 1E
Hellebore 1 E
Grape hyacinth 1 E
Brunnera 1 E
Primroses 1 E
Daffodils 2
Tulips 2
Forget-me-not 1 E
Pulmonaria 1 *

Iberis 2
Spanish bluebell 3
Peony 2
Allium 1 *
London Pride 1
Aquilegia 1
Geum 2
Campanula 2
Lady's mantle 1
Hardy geranium 1
Veronica 1
Red valerian 1
Crocsmia 1
Yellow loosestrife (pollen - 1)
Salvias 1 *
Verbena bonariensis 1 *
Phlox 1
Potentilla (herbaceous) 1
Sedum 1 *
Japanese anemone 1 *
Aster 1 *
Fuchsia 1

In the pond in seasonal order

Marsh marigold 1
Iris 1
Mint 1 *
Pickerel weed 1
Water plantain 1