



Planting for Pollinators

General Tips:

- Choose a diversity of colors, shapes and aromas
- Choose plants that blossom across a spectrum of seasons, for year-round pollinator support
- Choose a variety of plants to limit pest and predators
- Choose plants of varying heights, with taller bushes and blossoms toward the back or along a fence
- Limit ornamentals, and include an area for herbs
- Find sites with sunlight for most of the blooming plants
- Plant patches or beds that allow for pollinator visits to multiple plants
- Seed annuals early in the year for longer flowering
- Dead head flowers that will rebloom, allow seeded flowerheads to stay
- Water regularly, and allow water spots for bees and hummingbirds
- Avoid pesticides and herbicides in the pollinator areas
- Choose plants that are native or climate-appropriate
- Leave areas on the ground for nesting bees

Early Spring Blooms for Bees

- Almond, Camellias, **Ceanothus**, **Manzanita**, Mustard, Fringe Flower, **Penstemon**, Spanish Lavender, Crab Apple, Cherry

Spring Bloomers

- Fruit Trees – apple, peach, plum
- Walnut, **Oaks**, **Coyote Bush**, **Redbud**, **Lupine**, Vetch, **Monkey Flower**, Rosemary, Dogwood

Summer Bloomers

- Goldenrod, English Lavender, **Chamise**, **Poppy**, Mugwort, Blackberry/**Brambles**, Queen Anne's Lace, **California Buckwheat**, Sunflowers (not hybrids!)

Fall Bloomers

- English Lavender, **Tarweed**, **Fleabane**, **Goldenrod**, **Toyon**, **Coyote Bush**

Winter Bloomers

- **Manzanita**, Dutchman's Pipevine, Rosemary, **Coyote Bush**, Winter Honeysuckle

UC Davis Top 10 Plants for Pollinators

1. Goodwin Creek Lavendar
2. Blanket Flower- *Gaillardia*
3. Germander sage , *S. chamaedryoides*
4. Russian Sage
5. Ceanothus Ray Hartman
6. Western Redbud
7. Catmint
8. California Poppy
9. Salidago California Goldenrod
10. Frikart's Aster

Resources

UC Ag and Natural Resources – Integrated Pest Management

<https://ipm.ucanr.edu/>

10 Bees and 10 Plants

<https://arboretum.sf.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk1546/files/inline-files/10-bees-10-plants.pdf>

Pollinators.org - the Pollinators Partnership

<https://www.pollinator.org/find-your-roots-tool>

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

<https://xerces.org/>