

Pollen / Nectar Plant Check List

***EAST* of the Cascade Mountains, Washington**

(List not inclusive of all pollen / nectar plants. Rather, it lists the most important.)

X	Plant Name <i>Bold/Italic indicates very important forage for honeybees;</i> * Indicates plant is considered to be noxious, but is important bee forage.	Bloom Time	Nectar / Pollen (N/P)	Native / Introduced (N/I)
	Willow	Jan – Aug	P	N/I
	Mustard	Feb – Aug	N/P	I
	<i>Currant – Wild</i>	<i>Mar – May</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	Maple	Mar – May	N/P	N
	Cottonwood	Mar – June	P, also Propolis	N
	Dandelion	Mar – Summer	N/P	N/I
	Apple	Mar – May/June	N/P	I
	Cherry	Mar – June	N/P	N/I
	Peach	Mar – June	N/P	N/I
	Pear	Mar – May	N/P	I
	Plum	Mar – June	N/P	N/I
	Holly	Apr – May	N/P	N
	Oregon Grape	Apr – May	N/P	N
	Blueberry – Huckleberry	Apr – June	N/P	N
	Honeysuckle	Apr - June	N/P	N/I
	Hawthorn	Apr – June	N/P	N
	Sunflower	Apr – July	N/P	N
	Brassica Family (in flower)	Apr – July	N/P	I
	<i>*Blackberry</i>	<i>Apr – July</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	<i>Locust – Black, Yellow</i>	<i>Apr – July</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	Pine	Apr – July	P, also Propolis	N
	Snowberry / Indian Currant	Apr – Aug	N/P	N
	<i>Clover</i>	<i>Apr – Oct</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	Buckwheat	May – Oct	N/P	N
	<i>*Knotweed</i>	<i>May – Oct</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	Onion	May – July	N/P	I
	Radish	May – July	N/P	I
	<i>Bird's Foot Trefoil</i>	<i>May - Sept</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	<i>*Knapweed (Star Thistle)</i>	<i>May - Oct</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	Parsley	Jun - July	N/P	I
	Carrot	Jun - Aug	N/P	I
	Lima Bean	July - Aug	N/P	I
	Fireweed	June - Aug	N/P	N
	Cucumber	June – Aug	N/P	N/I
	<i>Alfalfa</i>	<i>June - Sept</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	<i>Mint</i>	<i>June – Oct</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	Melons	Jun - Sep	N/P	I
	Pumpkins / Squash	Jun - Sep	N/P	I
	Corn	July – Aug	P	I
	<i>Goldenrod</i>	<i>July – Oct</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	Various culinary herbs if allowed to fully flower; thyme, oregano, lavender, marjoram, rosemary, mint, etc.	July – Oct	N/P	N/I

Sources: Ayers and Harman, 2008, *The Hive and the Honey Bee*, Bee Forage of North America and the Potential for Planting for Bees, Dadant.

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