

Let it BEE! Garden

Bee balm

A fantastic example of a multi purpose herb. For landscaping, it offers one of the most stunning flowers, in a variety of colors. Bees and hummingbirds are highly attracted to it.

Borage

I have read that borage refills with nectar every 2 minutes! This is exceptionally fast. No wonder all kinds of bees love it!

Catmint (Nepeta)

Note, cats love it too!

Chives

Allow them to flower. You can still clip a few of the stalks for cooking.

Hyssop

Attracts bees and butterflies.

Lavender

Choose different varieties for a prolonged season.

Sage

The sage family of plants are wonderful for bees and other pollinators.

Thyme & Oregano Thyme can also be used to create a small patch of lawn. The fragrance and look are beautiful. Butterflies like thymes too.

Mints (Mentha)

Bees love the flowers, but some beekeepers apply mint oil diluted with water to their beehives to deter wax moth.

Lemon Balm

In the past, beekeepers would rub a handful of lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*) inside the hive after having a new swarm, in order to help the swarm settle and to encourage them not to leave the hive. Rubbing hands with the leaves is also claimed to help prevent bee stings!

Fennel

Also popular with seed-eating birds and hoverflies.

Wild Bergamot

Long tongued bees especially, enjoy this pretty herb.

Rosemary

Excellent early food source for bees.

**Attract these important
POLLINATORS!**

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