



SELECTING
PLANTS
FOR
POLLINATORS



A REGIONAL GUIDE FOR FARMERS, LAND MANAGERS, AND GARDENERS IN THE



**LOWER
MAINLAND**

INCLUDING THE
GREATER VANCOUVER AREA,
ABBOTSFORD, CHILLIWACK,
POWELL RIVER, HARRISON LAKE,
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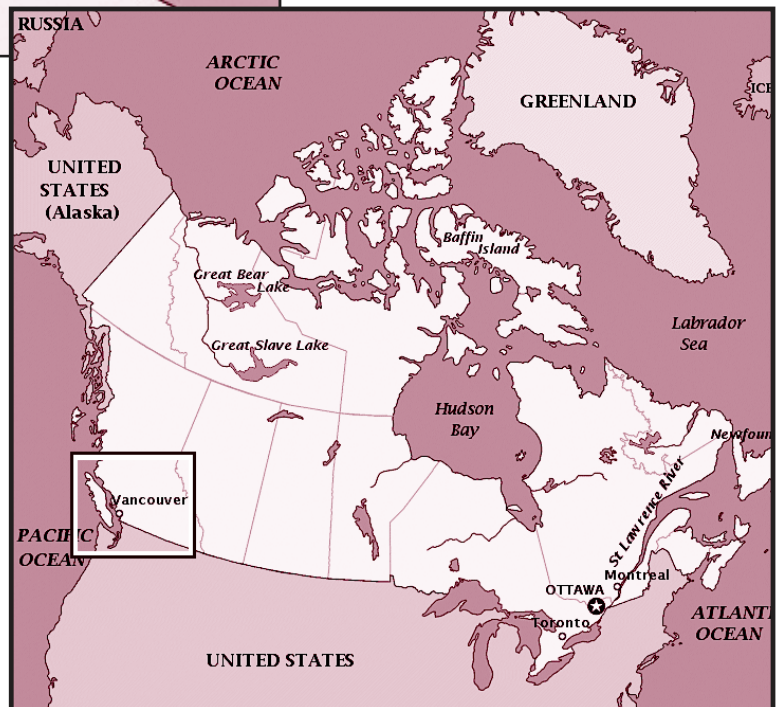


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The Greater Vancouver Area
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Chilliwack
Powell River
Harrison Lake
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PLANTS THAT ATTRACT POLLINATORS IN THE LOWER MAINLAND



The following chart lists plants that attract pollinators. It is not exhaustive, but provides guidance on where to start. Annuals, herbs, weeds, and cover crops provide food and shelter for pollinators, too.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Flower Colour	Flower Season	Sun	Soil	Pollinators	Also a host
Trees and Shrubs								
<i>Acer</i> spp.	maples	12-20m+	red, greenish, yellow	March - April	sun to partial shade	dry to wet	bees	X
<i>Actaea rubra</i>	red baneberry	1m	white	April - June	sun to shade	moist	bees, flies	
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Saskatoon serviceberry	1-5m	white	April - July	sun to partial shade	moist to dry	bees, flies	X
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Pacific madrone	6-30m	white	April - May	sun to partial shade	dry	beetles, flies, bees	
<i>Arctostaphylos columbiana</i>	Hairy manzanita	0.1-3m	white	April - July	sun to partial shade	dry, well drained	beetles, flies, bees	
<i>Arctostaphylos rubra</i>	red fruit bearberry	less than 1m	white	May - June	sun to partial shade	wet	beetles, flies, bees	
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	kinnikinnick	less than 1m	pink	April - June	sun to shade	dry to moist	bees, beetles	
<i>Ceanothus sanguineus</i>	redstem ceanothus	1-3m	white	May - July	sun to shade	dry to moist	bees, flies, moths, butterflies	
<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i>	snowbrush ceanothus	1-1.5m	white	April - August	sun to shade	dry to well drained	bees, flies, moths, butterflies	
<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>	Pacific dogwood	4-12m	white	April - June	shade	moist to well drained	bees, beetles, flies, butterflies	X
<i>Cornus unalaschkensis</i>	western cordilleran bunchberry	less than 1 m	white	June - August	partial shade	moist to well drained	bees, flies, beetles	X
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	oceanspray	1-2m	white	June - August	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, butterflies, flies	X
<i>Loiseleuria procumbens</i>	alpine azalea	1m	pink	June - August	partial shade	moist	bees	
<i>Lonicera ciliosa</i>	orange honeysuckle	climbing	orange	May - July	sun, partial shade to shade	well drained	bees, hummingbirds	
<i>Lonicera dioica</i>	limber honeysuckle	1-3m	yellow, orange	May - June	sun, partial shade to shade	dry to moist	bees, hummingbirds	
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	twinberry honeysuckle	1-3m	yellow to red	April - August	sun, partial shade to shade	moist	bees, hummingbirds	
<i>Lonicera utahensis</i>	Utah honeysuckle	1-2m	white, yellow	May - June	shade	well drained	bees, moths	
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	hollyleaved barberry	1-2m	yellow	March - May	partial shade to shade	dry	bees	
<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	Cascade barberry	less than 1m	yellow	March - June	sun to shade	dry to moist	bees	
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	creeping barberry	less than 1m	yellow	April - June	partial shade	dry to moist	bees	



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<i>Malus fusca</i>	Pacific crabapple	6-10m	white to pink	April - June	sun	moist to wet	bees, flies, moths	X
<i>Menziesia ferruginea</i>	rusty menziesia	0.5-1.5m	pink to red	May - August	shade	well drained	bees	
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Pacific ninebark	1-2.5m	white	May - June	sun to partial shade	moist to wet	bees, flies	
<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	bitter cherry	1-15m	white	April - June	sun to partial shade	well drained	bees	X
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	pin cherry	10-15m	white	April - May	sun	dry, well drained	bees	X
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	chokecherry	6-10m	white	May - July	sun to shade	dry to moist	bees, butterflies, moths	X
<i>Rhododendron albiflorum</i>	Cascade azalea	1-2m	white	June - August	sun, partial shade to shade	dry, well drained, moist to wet	bees, flies	
<i>Rhododendron macrophyllum</i>	Pacific rhododendron	1.5-7.5m	pink to purple	May - July	partial shade to shade	dry to moist	bees	
<i>Ribes</i> spp.	currants and gooseberrys	various	green to white to pink	March - June	sun to shade	dry, well drained, moist	bees, hummingbirds	X
<i>Ribes acerifolium</i>	mapleleaf currant	1m	pink	June - July	sun to partial shade	well drained to moist	bees	
<i>Ribes bracteosum</i>	stink currant	1-3m	white-yellow	May - June	partial shade to shade	moist to wet	bees	
<i>Ribes cereum</i>	wax currant	1-1.5m	white to pink	April - July	sun to partial shade	dry to moist	bees	
<i>Ribes divaricatum</i>	spreading gooseberry	3m	white to red	April - May	sun, partial shade to shade	well drained	bees	
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	redflower currant	1-3m	red	April - June	sun, partial shade to shade	dry to moist	bees, hummingbirds, butterflies	X
<i>Rosa acicularis</i>	prickly rose	1+m	pink	June - July	sun to partial shade	dry to wet	bees, flies, beetles	
<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	dwarf rose	2m	pink	May - August	sun, partial shade to shade	dry to moist	bees	
<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	Nootka rose	1-3m	pink	May - July	sun, partial shade to shade	dry to moist	bees, butterflies	X
<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Woods' rose	up to 1.5m	pink	May - July	sun, partial shade to shade	dry to moist	bees	
<i>Rubus chamaemorus</i>	cloudberry	less than 1m	white	May - June	sun	dry	bees, beetles, butterflies	
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	wild red raspberry	1.5-2.5m	white	June - July	sun, partial shade to shade	dry to moist	bees, beetles, butterflies	
<i>Rubus leucodermis</i>	whitebark raspberry	0.5-2 m	white	April - July	sun, partial shade to shade	dry	bees, beetles, butterflies	
<i>Rubus pedatus</i>	strawberryleaf raspberry	less than 1m	white	June	partial shade to shade	well drained	bees, beetles, butterflies	
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	western blackberry	0.5-1.5m	white	April - August	sun, partial shade to shade	moist	bees	

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<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	salmonberry	1-3m	pink	March - June	sun, partial shade to shade	moist	bees, butterflies	
<i>Salix lucida</i>	shining willow	3.5-6m	white to yellow	March - May	sun, partial shade to shade	moist to wet	bees	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ssp. <i>caerulea</i>	blue elderberry	2-8m	white	May - July	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, beetles, moths, butterflies, flies	
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	red elderberry	2.5-6m	white	March - June	sun, partial shade to shade	moist to wet	bees, beetles, moths, butterflies, flies	
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i>	rose spirea	1-3m	pink, purple	June - August	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, flies, butterflies	
<i>Spiraea splendens</i>	rose meadowsweet	1m	pink	June - August	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, flies, butterflies	
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	common snowberry	0.5-1.5m	white to pink	May - August	sun to partial shade	dry	bees	
<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</i>	western snowberry	1+m	white to pink	June - August	sun	dry to well drained	bees	
<i>Vaccinium caespitosum</i>	dwarf bilberry	less than 1m	white to pink	May - July	sun	well drained	bees, butterflies	X
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	highbush blueberry	2-3m	white to pink	May - June	sun, partial shade to shade	dry to wet	bees	
<i>Vaccinium membranaceum</i>	thinleaf huckleberry	up to 2m	white to pink	May - June	sun, partial shade to shade	dry, moist, wet	bees	
<i>Vaccinium myrtilloides</i>	velvetleaf huckleberry	less than 1m	white to pink	May - June	sun, partial shade to shade	moist	bees	X
<i>Vaccinium ovalifolium</i>	oval-leaf blueberry	1m	white to pink	May - July	sun to shade	moist to wet	bees	
<i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i>	red huckleberry	up to 6m	white to pink to green	April - June	sun, partial shade to shade	moist	bees, butterflies	
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i>	bog blueberry	less than 1m	white to pink	May - June	sun, partial shade to shade	moist to wet	bees, butterflies	X
<i>Viburnum edule</i>	squashberry	0.5-2+m	white	May - June	sun to shade	moist	bees, butterflies	X
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> var. <i>americanum</i>	American cranberry bush	2-4m	white	May - July	partial shade	well drained to wet	bees, butterflies	X
Forbs								
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> var. <i>occidentalis</i>	western yarrow	less than 1m	white to pink	April - October	sun to partial shade	dry	bees, flies, moths	X
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Cascade columbine	less than 1m	red	May - August	partial shade to shade	moist	hummingbirds, bees, moths	
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	showy milkweed	1m	white to pink	June - August	sun	moist	bees, butterflies	X
<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>	arrowleaf balsamroot	1m	yellow	May - July	sun	moist	bees, butterflies, flies	

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<i>Delphinium bicolor</i>	little larkspur	less than 1m	blue to purple	May - July	sun	dry	bees	
<i>Delphinium glaucum</i>	Sierra larkspur	1-2m	purple	July - August	partial shade	moist to wet	bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds	
<i>Delphinium nuttallianum</i>	two-lobed larkspur	less than 1m	blue to purple	March - July	sun	dry to well drained	bees, moths, hummingbirds	
<i>Epilobium anagallidifolium</i>	pimpernel willowherb	less than 1m	pink	June - September	sun	well drained	bees, moth	
<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i> ssp. <i>Angustifolium</i>	fireweed	1-1.5m	pink	June - September	sun	moist	bees, butterflies, moths	
<i>Chamerion latifolium</i>	dwarf fireweed	less than 1m	pink to purple	June - August	sun	moist	bees, moth	
<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	eastern daisy fleabane	1m	white	June - October	sun	dry to well drained	bees, butterflies, flies	
<i>Erigeron compositus</i>	cutleaf daisy	less than 1m	white to pink	May - August	partial shade	well drained	bees, butterflies, flies	
<i>Erigeron divergens</i>	spreading fleabane	less than 1m	white to pink	April - October	partial shade	moist	bees, butterflies, flies	
<i>Erigeron philadelphicus</i>	Philadelphia fleabane	less than 1m	white to pink	April - June	partial shade	well drained to moist	bees, butterflies, flies	
<i>Erigeron strigosus</i>	prairie fleabane	less than 1m	white to pink	April - May	sun	well drained	bees, butterflies, flies	
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	sulphur-flower buckwheat	less than 1m	yellow to red	June - August	sun to partial shade	dry	bees, butterflies, flies	
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	common woolly sunflower	less than 1m	yellow	May - August	sun	dry	bees, butterflies, flies	
<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>	flat-top goldentop	1m	yellow	July - September	sun	moist	bees, beetles	
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Virginia strawberry	less than 1m	white	May - August	sun to partial shade	dry	bees, flies, butterflies	X
<i>Geranium erianthum</i>	woolly geranium	1m	white-purple	May - July	partial shade	moist	bees, flies, butterflies	X
<i>Geranium viscosissimum</i>	sticky purple geranium	less than 1m	purple	May - July	sun, partial shade to shade	moist	bees, butterflies	X
<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Maximilian sunflower	1-3m	yellow	August - September	sun	dry to moist	bees, flies, butterflies	X
<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	Ontario lobelia	less than 1m	white to blue	July - August	sun	well drained to moist	bees	
<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	miniature lupine	less than 1m	purple	April - June	sun	well drained	bees	
<i>Lupinus sericeus</i>	silky lupine	less than 1m	white, purple	June - August	sun to partial shade	dry to moist	bees, hummingbirds	
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	wild bergamot	less than 2m	pink-purple	May - August	sun to partial shade	dry to moist	bees, butterflies, humming birds	
<i>Nothochelone nemorosa</i>	woodland beardtongue	1m	pink to purple	June - August	partial shade	dry	bees	

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<i>Penstemon confertus</i>	yellow penstemon	less than 1m	white to yellow	July	sun	dry	bees	
<i>Penstemon davidsonii</i>	Davidson's penstemon	less than 1m	pink to purple	July-August	sun	well drained	bees, hummingbirds	
<i>Penstemon serrulatus</i>	serrulate penstemon	less than 1m	blue to purple	June - August	partial shade	moist to wet	bees	
<i>Phacelia hastata</i>	silverleaf phacelia	less than 1m	white to purple	May - July	partial shade	dry to well drained	bees	
<i>Phacelia sericea</i>	silky phacelia	less than 1m	white to purple	June - July	partial shade	well drained	bees	
<i>Polemonium viscosum</i>	sticky polemonium	less than 1m	purple	July - August	sun	well drained	bees	
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	blackeyed Susan	less than 1m	yellow	June - September	sun to partial shade	dry to moist	bees, butterflies	X
<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	1-2m	yellow	September - October	sun to partial shade	dry to moist	bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies	
<i>Solidago missouriensis</i>	Missouri goldenrod	1m	yellow	July - September	sun	dry to well drained	bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies	
<i>Symphyotrichum ascendens</i>	western aster	less than 1m	purple	July - September	sun	moist	bees	
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	smooth blue aster	1m	purple	August - September	sun to partial shade	well drained to moist	bees	
<i>Symphyotrichum lanceolatum</i>	white panicle aster	1m	white	August - September	sun to partial shade	well drained	bees, flies	
<i>Trifolium wormskioldii</i>	cows clover	1m+	white to purple	May - August	sun to partial shade	well drained	bees	
<i>Verbena bracteata</i>	bigbract verbena	less than 1m	pink to purple	May - September	sun	dry to well drained	bees	
Vines								
<i>Lonicera hispidula</i>	pink honeysuckle	1-2m	pink, yellowish pink	June - August	partial shade to shade	dry to moist	hummingbirds	
Shelter Plants								
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	sideoats grama	up to 1m	yellow, orange, red	June - September	sun to partial shade	dry to moist		
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wildrye	up to 1m	yellow, green, brown	March - June	sun	moist		
<i>Eragrostis pectinacea</i>	tufted lovegrass	up to 1m	yellow, brown	April - August	sun	well drained		
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	little bluestem	less than 1m	yellow, green, brown	June - December	sun	dry		