

A Grow Native! Top 10 List

FEATURED CATEGORY: TOP 10 NATIVE PLANTS TO SUPPORT BEES IN SUMMER

Attracts Abundant, Diverse Native Bees & European Honey Bees • Tried & True

	NATIVE PLANT NAME	HEIGHT	SUN	UNIQUE QUALITY
1	Black-eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	2'	Full/ pt. shade	Thrives in a variety of habitats.
2	Culver's root (<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>)	Up to 5'	Full/ pt. shade	Attracts large to small bees.
3	Leadplant (<i>Amorpha canescens</i>)	3'	Full/ pt. shade	Blooms best in full sun.
4	Pale purple coneflower (<i>Echinacea pallida</i>)	3'	Full/ pt. shade	Attracts long-tongued and short-tongued bees.
5	Purple prairie clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>)	2'	Full	Attracts a wide variety of bees.
6	Compass plant (<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>)	3-10'	Full	Nice structural and tall statement plant.
7	Slender mountain mint (<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>)	1-3'	Full	Frequently branching stems create a bushy effect.
8	Wild bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)	4'	Full/ pt. shade	Also called bee balm, attracts small to large bees.
9	Gray-headed coneflower (<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>)	5'	Full/ pt. shade	Also called prairie coneflower. Tolerates a variety of conditions.
10	Prairie coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>)	2'	Full/ pt. shade	Prefers full sun and dry conditions. Attracts a variety of bees.

This list is intended as a starting point. It is not in ranked order. It was created by Dr. Ed Spevak, based on his experience and observations of plants readily available from native plant suppliers that attract a diversity and abundance of native bees and European honey bees. Dr. Spevak is the Curator of Invertebrates at the Saint Louis Zoo and Director of the Saint Louis Zoo's WildCare Institute Center for Native Pollinator Conservation. For details on soil moisture and other growing needs, visit www.grownative.org, Native Plant Database. For sources of these plants to purchase, visit the website's Resource Guide.