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## Plant for Pollinators



Here are some ideas to attract pollinating insects to your garden





### Foodplants for some of the UK moth caterpillar species include:



Elephant Hawkmoth Caterpillar

Plume Moth



Scarlet Tiger Moth

Bedstraws, Cleavers for Hummingbird Hawkmoth
Comfrey for Scarlet Tiger
Fuscia for Elephant Hawkmoth
Heathers for True Lovers Knot
Honeysuckle will attract Early Grey and Twenty

Marjoram will attract **Mint Moth**Yarrow for Tawny **Speckled Pug** 





#### Nectar for Butterflies

Butterfly Conservation list these plants as being very good for butterflies.

They look good too!

Buddlea
Lavender
Perenniel Wallflower
Marjoram
Verbena bonariensis



Gardens can act as nature reserves by offering abundant supplies of nectar and food plants





#### Plants for Bees

While most bees will use a variety of flower types and shapes to obtain nectar and pollen, some bee species

like certain plants

For example:

#### Tawny Mining bee

likes early flowering shrubs, dandelions and buttercups

Germander Speedwell, Daisy, dandelions and forget-me-nots are a favourite of the **Red-Girdled Mining bee** 

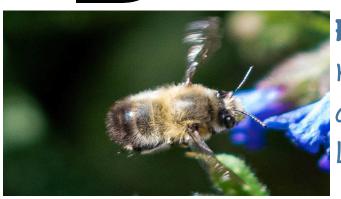
Wool Carder bee 'Lamb's Ear' and Woundwort







#### Plants for Bees



The Hairy-Footed
Flower Bee will visit
many flowers, such
as Primrose and
Lungwort

Clovers and Vetches are

important flowers for the **Long-Horned bee**.





Some **Leaf-Cutter** bees will use the leaves or petals of roses, Alamanchier, honeysuckles and

Lilac to plug the cells of their nests







# Attracting insects is good for the environment and our wellbeing



Remember, it is helpful to have a variety of flowers throughout the year.



Leave an area of your garden 'wild' to allow insects a lifecycle





#### Further Information:

Helpful websites: visit the website https://butterfly-conservation.org/sites/default/files/moth-foodplant.pdf for a full list.

Visit the website https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators

Visit the website https:// www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/bestplants-bees-and-pollinators

#### Book Suggestions:

Gardening For Bumblebees, A Practical Guide to Creating a Paradise for Pollinators by Dave Goulson

Published by Vintage Publishing



