



PLANTING FOR THE BEES

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SO HOW DO WE CALL THE BEES IN?



FLOWERS = NECTAR + POLLEN

IT'S A “WIN-WIN”



A photograph of a large, dense field of blue and purple flowers, likely Salvia (Sage), in full bloom. The flowers are arranged in numerous vertical spikes. The background is dark, making the bright colors of the flowers stand out. A yellow rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "BEES LIKE BLUE AND PURPLE COLORED FLOWERS!".

**BEES LIKE BLUE
AND PURPLE
COLORED
FLOWERS!**

A photograph of a large field of yellow daisy-like flowers with green foliage. The flowers are densely packed and cover most of the frame. In the bottom right corner, there is a patch of dark brown mulch. A bright yellow rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing text.

**BEES LIKE
ORANGE AND
YELLOW
COLORED
FLOWERS!**



**BEEES ARE NOT AS
ATTRACTED TO
RED COLORED
FLOWERS!**

Rethink.

PLANT NATIVE FLOWERS

INCLUDING WOODY PLANTS

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PRAIRIE ONION
ALLIUM STELLATUM



NODDING PINK ONION
ALLIUM CERNUUM



COMMON MILKWEED
ASCLEPIAS SYRIACA



SWAMP MILKWEED
ASCLEPIAS INCARNATA

**HEART LEAVED ASTER
SYMPHYOTRICHUM CORDIFOLIUS**



**SKY BLUE ASTER
SYMPHYOTRICHUM OOLENTANGIENSE**





FIREWEED
EPILOBIUM ANGUSTIFOLIUM



JOE PYE WEED
EUTROCHIUM MACULATUM



BONESET
EUPATORIUM PERFOLIATUM



WILD GERANIUM – GERANIUM MACULATUM



OX-EYE SUNFLOWER – HELIOPSIS HELIANTHOIDES



WILD BERGAMOT (WILD BEEBALM) – MONARDA FISTULOSA



**BLACK EYED SUSAN
RUDBECKIA HIRTA**



**SWEET BLACK EYED SUSAN
RUDBECKIA SUBTOMENTOSA**

STIFF GOLDENROD
OLIGONEURON RIGIDUM (SOLIDAGO RIGIDA)



SHOWY GOLDENROD
SOLIDAGO SPECIOSA



IRONWEED – *VERNONIA FASCICULATA*

NATIVE TREES

WILLOW – SALIX NIGRA



RED MAPLE – ACER RUBRUM



ELM – ULMUS AMERICANA

NATIVES PLUMS AND CHERRIES



CHOKY CHERRY – PRUNUS VIRGINIANA

FRUIT TREES



BASSWOOD TILIA AMERICANA



NATIVE SHRUBS

SNOWBERRY



BUTTONBUSH – CEPHALANTHUS OCCIDENTALIS



SUMAC – RHUS





PEDESTRIAN
TRAFFIC

VEHICLE
TRAFFIC

SPEED
BUMP
AHEAD

**IF WE DON'T START HELPING POLLINATORS,
WE CAN EXPECT SPEED BUMPS AHEAD**

GREAT SHRUBS FOR BEES:

ARONIA

BLUEBERRY

DIERVILLA

ELDERBERRY

HAZELNUT



SELECT SINGLE-FLOWERED PLANTS

AVOID:

- **DOUBLE-FLOWERED PLANTS**
- **HIGHLY HYBRIDIZED FLOWERS**



**AVOID:
IMPATIENS
PETUNIAS
BEGONIAS**



PLAN FOR A PROGRESSION OF FLOWERS THROUGH THE SEASON

Spring



Summer



Autumn



Winter



SPRING



THE QUESTION OF RHODODENDRONS



SUMMER



AGERATUM

CLEOME



SUMMER

ALYSSUM/LOBULARIA



ALLIUM/ECHINOPS



SUMMER

PORTULACA



SALVIA



SUMMER

BEEBALM



ECHINACEA



SUMMER

FOXGLOVE



HOSTA





GERANIUM 'BIOKOVO'

2015 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

SUMMER

LIGULARIA



POPPY



SUMMER

NEPETA



WOOLY THYME



FALL

CLEMATIS



ASTER



FALL

GOLDENROD



SEDUM



FALL

RUDBECKIA



SUNFLOWER



FALL

WITCH HAZEL



HERBS

BEEES LOVE THEM!

AGASTACHE (HYSSOP)

CATMINT

CHIVES

CORIANDER

BORAGE

HOREHOUND

LEMON BALM

MINTS

HERBS

OREGANO

ROSEMARY

RUE

SAGE

THYME



“WEEDS” – AND INVASIVES



DANDELION



RED CLOVER



**SPOTTED
KNAPWEED**

**PURPLE
LOOSESTRIFE**



SCALE AND DIVERSITY

- * HOW MANY PLANTS?
- * HOW MANY SPECIES?
- * HOW MUCH HEIGHT DIFFERENCE?

CONSIDER NATIVE BEES

- * PRESERVE SOME UNCULTIVATED SOIL SURFACE
- * PRESERVE BRUSH PILES AND SOME DEAD BRANCHES ON TREES
- * CONSIDER MAKING SOME MASON BEE “HOUSES”
- * ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER (CREATE A “BEE BATH”?)



MAKE CAREFUL DECISIONS ON PESTICIDES

- * TO SPRAY OR NOT TO SPRAY
- * USING NEONICOTINOIDS
- * IS “ORGANIC” BETTER?
- * NEW EPA LABELING GUIDELINES
- * USING “DORMANT” SPRAYS

Bees
We Love Them
We're Neonic Free
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VINES GROUNDCOVERS SHRUBS
WHOLESALE
2015
LIST
PERENNIALS

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NEONICOTINOIDS:

- There has been recent controversy over the effects of neonicotinoid insecticides on plant pollinators, although no scientific studies have been conclusive on this issue. Twixwood Nursery has taken an aggressive and proactive approach to this. We are very proud to say that we went "Neonic Free" in spring of 2014.

