

Pollen / Nectar Plant Check List

West of the Cascade Mountains, Washington

(List not inclusive of all pollen / nectar plants. Rather, it lists the most important.)

X	Plant Name <i>Bold/Italic indicates very important forage for honeybees;</i> * Indicates plant is considered to be noxious, but is important bee forage.	Bloom Time	Nectar / Pollen (N/P)	Native / Introduced (N/I)
	Filbert / Hazelnut	Jan – Mar	P	N/I
	Alder	Jan – June	N/P	N
	Manzanita	Feb – May	N/P	N
	Willow	Feb – Aug	P	N/I
	Mustards	Feb – Aug	N/P	I
	Current – Wild	Mar – May	N/P	N
	Maple – Broadleaf / Vine	Mar – May	N/P	N
	Cottonwood	Mar – June	P, also Propolis	N
	Dandelion	Mar – Summer	N/P	N/I
	Elder	Mar – July	N/P	N
	Holly	Apr – May	N/P	N
	Oregon Grape	Apr – May	N/P	N
	Pear	Apr – May	N/P	I
	Apple	Apr – May/June	N/P	I
	Cherry	Apr – June	N/P	N/I
	<i>Blueberry – Huckleberry</i>	<i>Apr – June</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	Cascara sagrada (Bearberry)	Apr – June	N/P	N
	Honeysuckle	Apr - June	N/P	N/I
	Sunflower	Apr – July	N/P	N
	Brassica Family (in flower)	Apr – July	N/P	I
	<i>*Blackberry</i>	<i>Apr – July</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	<i>Raspberry</i>	<i>Apr – July</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	Madrona	May	N/P	N
	Cranberry	May – June	N/P	N
	Hawthorn	May – June	N/P	N
	Locust – Black, Yellow	May – July	N/P	N
	Pine	May – July	P, also Propolis	N
	<i>Snowberry / Indian Current</i>	<i>May – Aug</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	Bindweed (Morning Glory)	May – Aug	N/P	N/I
	<i>Vetch</i>	<i>May – Aug</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N/I</i>
	<i>Clover</i>	<i>May – Oct</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	Buckwheat	May – Oct	N/P	N
	*Knotweed	May – Oct	N/P	I
	<i>Fireweed</i>	<i>June - Aug</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	Cucumber	June – Aug	N/P	N/I
	*Ivy, Boston	June - Sept	N/P	I
	Alfafa	June - Sept	N/P	I
	<i>Bird's Foot Trefoil</i>	<i>June - Sept</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	<i>*Knapweed (Star Thistle)</i>	<i>June - Oct</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>I</i>
	Corn	July – Aug	P	I
	<i>Goldenrod</i>	<i>July – Oct</i>	<i>N/P</i>	<i>N</i>
	Various culinary herbs if allowed to fully flower; thyme, oregano, lavender, marjoram, rosemary, mint, etc.	July – Oct	N/P	N/I
	*Ivy, English	Sept - Nov	N/P	I

Sources: Ayers and Harman, 2008, *The Hive and the Honey Bee*, Bee Forage of North American and the Potential for Planting for Bees, Dadant. Burgett, Stringer and Johnston, 1989, *Nectar and Pollen Plants of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest*, Honeystone Press. NASA website: <http://honeybeenet.gsfc.nasa.gov/Honeybees/ForageRegion.php>; downloaded March 1, 2001
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