

Plants for Bumble Bees

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* means native to U.S. but not North Carolina; ** means exotic; if no asterisk then plant is native to North Carolina

Herbaceous Perennials

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom Season	Bloom Color	Light
Groundcovers				
Spurred butterfly-pea vine	<i>Centrosema virginianum</i>	June-August	blue-purple	full sun-part shade
Pink turtlehead	<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	September-October	pink	part shade
White wood aster	<i>Eurybia divaricatus</i>	September-October	white	part shade-shade
Wild geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	spring-summer	pink	full sun-part shade
Catmint**	<i>Nepeta</i> 'Walker's Low'	March-October	blue-purple	full sun
Ornamental oregano**	<i>Origanum</i> 'Herrenhausen'	June-August	pink	full sun
Lyreleaf salvia	<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	April-May	white	full sun-part shade
Heath aster	<i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i> 'Snow Flurry'	September-October	white	full sun
Short (1-3' high)				
Nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	May-August	pink	full sun-part shade
Chives**	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	March-May	lavender	full sun
Arkansas bluestar*	<i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i>	April-May	blue	full sun-part shade
Bluestar	<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	April-May	blue	full sun-part shade
Clasping milkweed	<i>Asclepias amplexicaulis</i>	May	pink-purple	full sun-part shade

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Short (1-3' high)				
Purple milkweed	<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	May-June	purple	full sun-part shade
Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	May-August	orange	full sun-part shade
Whorled milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	June-September	white	full sun-part shade
Dwarf wild indigo	<i>Baptisia minor</i>	May	blue-purple	full sun-part shade
Downy wood mint	<i>Blephilia ciliata</i>	May-June	blue	full sun
Prairie poppy mallow*	<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	May-July	magenta	full sun
Partridge pea (annual)	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	June-August	yellow	full sun
Curlyheads	<i>Clematis ochroleuca</i>	April-June	white	full sun-part shade
Georgia savory	<i>Clinopodium georgianum</i>	September-October	white	full sun
White prairie clover*	<i>Dalea candida</i>	May-July	white	full sun
Purple prairie clover*	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	May-July	purple	full sun
Lanceleaf blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia aestivalis</i>	April-October	various	full sun
Indian blanket	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	April-October	red & yellow	full sun
Spanish lavender**	<i>Lavandula stoechas</i>	spring-summer	purple	full sun
Northern blazing star*	<i>Liatris scariosa</i> var. <i>nieuwlandii</i>	August-October	purple	full sun
Appalachian blazing star	<i>Liatris squarrulosa</i>	October-November	purple	full sun
Spotted bee balm*	<i>Monarda fruticulosa</i>	June-September	pink-white	full sun-part shade
Southern sundrops	<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	April-July	yellow	full sun-part shade
Foxglove beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> 'Husker Red'	May-June	white	full sun
Hairy beardtongue	<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	May-June	pink	full sun
Small's beardtongue	<i>Penstemon smallii</i>	April-July	lavender	full sun
Large-flower skullcap	<i>Scutellaria integrifolia</i>	May-August	blue	full sun
Stonecrop**	<i>Sedum</i> x 'Autumn Joy'	June-October	pink	full sun
Bluestem goldenrod	<i>Solidago caesia</i>	August-September	yellow	full sun-part shade
Sweet goldenrod	<i>Solidago odora</i>	August-September	yellow	full sun-part shade
Stokes' aster	<i>Stokesia laevis</i> 'Peachie's Pick'	May-July	blue-purple	full sun-part shade
Ohio spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	spring & fall	blue	full sun-part shade
Society garlic**	<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>	spring-fall	lavender	full sun

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Medium (3-5' high)				
Anise hyssop*	<i>Agastache</i> x 'Blue Fortune'	June-August	blue	full sun
Poke milkweed	<i>Asclepias exaltata</i>	May	white	part shade
Swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	June-August	pink	full sun-part shade
Common milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	June-July	pink	full sun
White wild indigo	<i>Baptisia alba</i>	May-June	white	full sun-part shade
Blue wild indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	April-May	blue	full sun-part shade
Fringed poppy mallow*	<i>Callirhoe digitata</i>	May-July	magenta	full sun
Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	May-October	pink	full sun-part shade
Devil's bite	<i>Liatis scariosa</i>	August-October	purple	full sun-part shade
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	August	red	full sun-part shade
Great blue lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	June-September	blue	full sun-part shade
Wild bergamot*	<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	May	pink	full sun-part shade
Bee balm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> 'Claire Grace'	June-July	lavender	full sun-part shade
Eastern horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	August-October	pink & yellow	full sun-part shade
Obedient plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	July-October	lavender	full sun-part shade
Mountain mint	<i>Pycnanthemum</i> spp.	May-July	white	full sun-part shade
Mexican hat	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	May-June	red	full sun
Blue sage	<i>Salvia azurea</i>	July-October	blue	full sun
Hoary skullcap	<i>Scutellaria incana</i>	July-August	blue	full sun-part shade
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i> spp.	July-October	yellow	full sun
Eastern silvery aster	<i>Symphyotrichum concolor</i>	September-October	blue	full sun-part shade
Blue wood aster	<i>Symphyotrichum cordifolium</i>	August-September	pale blue	part shade
Smooth aster	<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	September-October	blue	full sun-part shade
Aromatic aster	<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	September-October	blue	full sun
Clasping American aster	<i>Symphyotrichum patens</i>	September-October	blue	full sun-part shade
Frost aster	<i>Symphyotrichum pilosum</i>	August-October	white	full sun-part shade
Carolina lupine	<i>Thermopsis villosa</i>	May-June	yellow	full sun-part shade

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Tall (over 5' high)				
Field thistle	<i>Cirsium discolor</i>	July-September	lavender	full sun
Joe-pye weed	<i>Eutrochium</i> spp.	July-August	light purple	full sun-part shade
Swamp sunflower	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	September-October	yellow	full sun
Oxeye daisy	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	May-August	yellow	full sun-part shade
Blazing star	<i>Liatris</i> spp.	June-July	purple	full sun-part shade
Green-head coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	July-August	yellow	full sun-part shade
Starry rosinweed	<i>Silphium asteriscus</i>	June-August	yellow	full sun
Cup plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	June-August	yellow	full sun
Smooth aster	<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i> 'Bluebird'	June-October	blue	full sun-part shade
New England aster	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	June-October	purple	full sun-part shade
Yellow crownbeard	<i>Verbesina occidentalis</i>	September-October	yellow	full sun-part shade
Culver's root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	June-July	white	full sun

Native Grasses

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom Season	Height	Light
Big bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	fall	4-8'	full sun
Splitbeard bluestem	<i>Andropogon ternarius</i>	fall	2-3'	full sun
Bottlebrush grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	summer	2-4'	part shade
Purple lovegrass	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	summer-fall	1'	full sun
Pink Muhly grass	<i>Muhlenbergia cappilaris</i>	fall	2-3'	full sun
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	late summer-fall	3-6'	full sun
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	late summer-fall	2-4'	full sun
Prairie dropseed grass	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	late summer-fall	2-3'	full sun

Small Trees, Shrubs, & Woody Vines

Common Name	Scientific Name	Bloom Season	Height	Light
Dwarf indigo bush	<i>Amorpha herbacea</i>	May-June	1-3'	full sun-part shade
Climbing aster	<i>Ampelaster carolinianus</i>	October-December	vine	full sun-part shade
New Jersey tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	May-June	3-5'	full sun-part shade
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	June-September	5-8'	full sun-part shade
Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	April	20-30'	full sun-part shade
Pepperbush	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	July-August	5-10'	full sun-part shade
Oak-leaf hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	May-June	4-8'	part shade
Shrubby St. John's wort	<i>Hypericum frondosum</i> 'Sunburst'	June-July	3-4'	full sun-part shade
Coral honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	spring-summer	vine	full sun-part shade
Piedmont azalea	<i>Rhododendron canescens</i>	April	6-15'	part shade
Pussy willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	March-April	10-20'	full sun-part shade
Blackhaw viburnum	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	April-May	12-20'	full sun-part shade