

## 2015 Evaluations of the Relative Use of Flowering Plants by Bees

**Background.** Plants growing at multiple locations in Larimer County were regularly visited during 2015 and the incidence of plant use by bees was noted. Over 12 plants were included in these evaluations; the following lists are for those plants that highest used by honey bees, bumble bees, and solitary bees (leafcutter bees, sweat bees, andrenid bees).

### Top Rated Plants for Visitation by Honey Bees

<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	<i>Bidens ferulifolia</i> 'Giant White'
<i>Calamintha nepeta</i>	<i>Campsis radicans</i>
<i>Caryopteris x incana</i>	<i>Celosia</i> 'Intenz Dark Purple'
<i>Coleus</i> 'Premium Sun Lime Sand'	<i>Dahlia</i> 'Dahlightful Georgia Peach'
<i>Dahlia</i> 'Hypnotica Tropical Breeze'	<i>Dahlia</i> 'Mystic Illusion'
<i>Dahlia</i> 'Hypnotic Lavender'	<i>Diascia</i> 'Flirtation Glacier White'
<i>Digiplexis</i> 'Illumination Raspberry'	<i>Digiplexis</i> 'Illumination Flame'
<i>Digitalis</i> 'Foxlight Ruby Glow'	<i>Euphorbia</i> 'Glamour'
<i>Gaillardia</i> 'Arizona Red Shades'	<i>Heptacodium miconioides</i>
<i>Lantana</i> 'Lucky White'	<i>Lantana</i> 'Lucky Lemon Glow'
<i>Lantana</i> 'Lucky Pot of Gold'	<i>Lavatera thuringiaca</i>
<i>Persicaria amplexicaulis</i> 'Taurus'	<i>Salvia sylvestris</i> 'Blue Hill'
<i>Salvia</i> 'Black and Bloom'	<i>Scaevola</i> 'Trix Fairy'
<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i> 'Finesse'
<i>Veronica</i> 'Vernique Blue'	<i>Veronica</i> 'Vernique Rose'

### Top Rated Plants for Visitation by Bumble Bees

<i>Agastache</i> 'Kudos Silver Blue'	<i>Agastache</i> 'Desert Solstice'
<i>Agastache</i> 'Ava'	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i> 'Blue Fortune'	<i>Anchusa azurea</i> 'Dropmore'
<i>Caryopteris x incana</i>	<i>Clematis heracleifolia</i>
<i>Clematis integrifolia</i> 'Mongolian Bells'	<i>Echinacea</i> 'Double Decker'
<i>Erigeron algidus</i>	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>
<i>Eupatorium rugosum</i> 'Chocolate'	<i>Hypericum tetrapterum</i>
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	<i>Monarda</i> 'Pink Supreme'
<i>Nepeta sibirica</i>	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> 'Pistou'
<i>Origanum herrenhausen</i>	<i>Oxytropis lambertii</i>
<i>Penstemon x mexicali</i>	<i>Phlomis alpina</i>
<i>Salvia ventricilata</i>	<i>Salvia</i> 'Evolution White'
<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	<i>Veronica spicata</i> 'Sunny Border Blue'
<i>Veronica</i> 'Baby Doll'	<i>Veronica</i> 'Vernique Blue'
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	<i>Zinnia</i> 'Zahara Cherry Improved'

## Top Rated Plants for Visitation by Solitary Bees (Leafcutter Bees, Sweat Bees, Andrenid Bees)

*Achillea filipendulina* 'Coronation Gold'

*Bidens* 'Giant White'

*Bidens* 'Gold Jingle'

*Capsium anuum* 'Loco'

*Euphorbia graminea* 'Glitz'

*Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam'

*Dahlia* 'Hypnotica Orange Improved'

*Dahlia* 'Hypnotica Tequila Sunrise'

*Geranium* 'Roazanne'

*Lobularia maritima* 'Giga White'

*Lobularia maritima* 'Yolo French Vanilla'

*Potentilla nevadensis*

*Zinnia* 'Zahara Double Yellow'

*Astranita major* 'Margery Fish'

*Bidens* 'Rapid Yellow'

*Bidens* 'Campfire Fireburst'

*Eupatorium maculatum*

*Helianthus x maximilliani*

*Coreopsis tripteris*

*Dahlia* 'XXL Veracruz'

*Dahlia* 'Hypnotica Sangria'

*Hibiscus x 'Hardy Hibiscus'*

*Lobularia maritima* 'Yolo White'

*Ocimum basilicum* 'Pistou'

*Salvia* 'Fairy Queen'

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