

## **NECTAR AND POLLEN PRODUCING PLANTS FOR THE NANAIMO REGION**

Note: This is by no means a complete list. Names of plants were collected from various book and periodicals. Effort was made to find as many early spring plants as possible. We also chose plants that flowered after the main honey flow, and continued to bloom right through the fall. We also added plants that we have found to be attractive to bees both in our garden in Victoria and here at the farm. Please keep this list as a handy reference and add and delete as you observe your bees throughout the foraging year. We can use the information to compile a more complete list throughout the winter.

### **SPRING**

Willow

Alder

Maple

Poplar

Arbutus

Apple

Cherry

Crab Apple

Plum

Hazelnut

Hammamelis – Witch hazel

Corylus - hazelnut

Crocus

Forget me not

Dandelion

Blueberries

Raspberries

Erica – heathers

Broom

Oregon Grape

Viburnum Tinus

Mustard plants of all types

Leave through fall and overwinter for loads of fall and

Early spring bloom for bees. High sugar content

And attractive to bees

Over wintered crimson clover will bloom in spring

**SUMMER** – These are just a few that we have observed.

Phacelia

Gaillardia

Butterfly Weed – Asclepias

HERBS: mints, fennel, cilantro, sage, anise hyssop, oregano,

Borage, lavender – Spanish and English, thyme, marjoram, chives,

Bee balm, dill

Cucumber

Melon

CLOVER: Clovers, yellow sweet, white sweet, Dutch white, alsike

Alfalfa

Hairy vetch

Buckwheat

Sunflowers

Ceanothus

Buddleia

Hollyhock

Holly

Echinops

Cleome

Rockery and Ground Cover: False Rock Cress, Sweet Alyssum, Yellow Alyssum

## **FALL**

HERBS: Rosemary, Sages, Marjoram, Thyme, fennel, anise hyssop,

Lavenders, dill, mints, Cilantro, calendula, small marigolds,

Borage

Mustards, allow to bloom when crop is done and leave over winter

Goldenrod

Heathers, early and late varieties

Hollyhock

Asters, smooth

Gaillardia

Salal

Vitex

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