<u>Flowers for bees</u> (from the book *Gardening for Bumblebees*, by Dave Goulson)

Try to squeeze in at least one or two plants from each of the time periods listed below. Some have very long flowering seasons, and so occur in multiple boxes. Dave Goulson has divided plants into those visited by short-tongued pollinators (many bumblebees, almost all solitary bees, hoverflies, wasps and beetles) and those visited by long-tongued pollinators (some bumblebees, moths and butterflies). The ones in bold are suggestions for the very best plants: ones with long flowering periods and which attract diverse insects.

Flowering time	**Short-tongued pollinators** Many bumblebees, almost all solitary bees, hoverflies, wasps and beetles		**Long-tongued pollinators** Some bumblebees, moths and butterflies	
February to April	Blackthorn	☐	Bluebell	☐
	Crocus	☐	Ground Ivy	☐
	Dandelion	☐	**Lungwort**	☐
	Grape hyacinth	☐	Primrose	☐
	Heather (*Erica carnea*)	☐	Red dead-nettle	☐
	Hellebore	☐	Rosemary	☐
	Flowering Currant	☐	White dead-nettle	☐
	Pear	☐		
	Plum	☐		
	Pussy willow	☐		
May & June	Apple	☐	Green alkanet	☐
	Bistort	☐	*Aquilegia*	☐
	Broom	☐	Bugle	☐
	Bugle	☐	Bush vetch	☐
	Campanula	☐	**Comfrey**	☐
	Ceanothus	☐	Cowslip	☐
	Cherry	☐	*Dicentra*	☐
	Chives	☐	Foxglove	☐
	Comfrey	☐	Honeywort	☐
	Cotoneaster	☐	Iris	☐
	Erysimum	☐	Kidney vetch	☐
	False acacia	☐	Meadow vetchling	☐
	Firethorn	☐	Purple Gromwell	☐
	Geranium	☐	Red campion	☐
	Hawthorn	☐	*Rhododendron*	☐
	Horse chestnut	☐	*Salvia*	☐

	]acob's ladder		Selfheal	
	Kidney Vetch		Yellow rattle	
	Laburnum			
	Lime			
	Meadow rue			
	Medlar			
	Ox-eye daisy			
	Raspberry			
	Rhododendron			
	Rose			
	Salvia			
	Speedwell			
	Thrift			
	Wayfaring tree			
	Wisteria			
July & August	*Allium*		*Allium*	
	Angelica		Black horehound	
	Bird's-foot trefoil		Buddleia	
	Borage		Burdock	
	Bramble		Bush vetch	
	Californian poppy		**Catmint**	
	Caryopteris		*Centaurea*	
	Cardoon		Everlasting pea	
	Catmint		Figwort	
	Centaurea		*Fuchsia*	
	Cosmos		Hedge woundwort	
	Culver's root		Hemp agrimony	
	Dahlia		Honeysuckle	
	Eryngium		Lamb's ear	
	Escallonia		Marsh skullcap	
	Euphorbia mellifera		*Monarda*	
	Evening primrose		Nasturtium	
	Field scabious		*Penstemon*	
	Figwort		*Phacelia*	
	Giant hyssop		*Phlomis*	
	Globe thistle		Plume thistle	
	Heathers		Purple toadflax	
	(summer flowering)		Red clover	
	Helenium		Red valerian	
	Hemp agrimony		Runner beans	
	Hollyhock		Sainfoin	

	Hydrangea petiolaris		*Salvia*	
	Hydrangea serratifolia		Snapdragon	
	Hyssop		Teasel	
	Lavender		Tufted vetch	
	Leek		*Verbena bonariensis*	
	Lovage		**Viper's bugloss**	
	Love-in-a-mist			
	Lupin			
	Marigold			
	Marjoram			
	Meadowsweet			
	Mint			
	Mullein			
	Musk mallow			
	Phacelia			
	Poppy			
	Ragwort			
	Raspberry			
	Rose			
	Rosebay willowherb			
	Salvia			
	St John's wort			
	Sunflower			
	Thyme			
	Tree mallow			
	Viper's bugloss			
	Wild carrot			
	White bryony			
	White clover			
	Wood sage			
September to October	*Chrysanthemum*		**Devil's bit scabious**	
	Dahlia		Fuchsia	
	Devil's bit scabious		Ice plant	
	Eleagnus		*Nasturtium*	
	Goldenrod			
	Helenium			
	Ice plant			
	Ivy			
	Michaelmas daisy			
	Passion flower			