

# Get your garden buzzing

- ◆ Fill gardens with **RHS Plants for Pollinators** plants
- ◆ Grow **a range of plants** for year-round flowering
- ◆ **Avoid** plants with double or multi-petalled flowers
- ◆ **Never use pesticides** on plants in flower
- ◆ Provide nest sites for **wild bees**

Subspecies and cultivars of plants listed here are also **Plants for Pollinators**, except for those that provide significantly reduced floral resources (i.e. pollen and nectar). This includes most doubles. See p.2 for **key to codes**.

## Winter

### Nov – Feb

<i>Clematis cirrhosa</i> Spanish traveller's joy	C
<i>Crocus species</i> crocus (winter-flowering)	B
<i>Erica species</i> heath – hardy types	S
<i>Eranthis hyemalis</i> winter aconite	B
× <i>Fatsyhedera lizei</i> tree ivy	S
<i>Galanthus nivalis</i> common snowdrop	B
<i>Helleborus species &amp; hybrids</i> hellebore (winter-flowering)	H
<i>Lonicera caprifolium</i> perfoliate honeysuckle	S
<i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i> winter-flowering honeysuckle	S
<i>Lonicera × purpusii</i> Purpus honeysuckle	S

Photo: RHS / Carol Sheppard (bumblebee on *Salvia farinacea* 'Victoria').



<b>Mahonia species</b> Oregon grape	S
<b>Salix species</b> willow	S or T
<b>Sarcococca species</b> sweet box	S
<b>Viburnum tinus</b> laurustinus	S

<b>Mahonia species</b> Oregon grape (spring-flowering)	S
<b>Malus species</b> apple, crabapple	T
<b>Mespilus germanica</b> common medlar	T
<b>Muscari armeniacum</b> Armenian grape hyacinth	B
<b>Nectaroscordum species</b> honey garlic	B
<b>Ornithogalum umbellatum</b> common star of Bethlehem	B
<b>Pieris species</b> lily-of-the-valley bush	S
<b>Primula veris</b> Native plant; common cowslip	H
<b>Primula vulgaris</b> Native plant; primrose	H
<b>Prunus species</b> cherry, laurel	S or T
<b>Pulmonaria species</b> lungwort	H
<b>Pyrus communis</b> pear	T
<b>Ribes nigrum</b> blackcurrant	S
<b>Ribes rubrum</b> Native plant; common redcurrant	S
<b>Ribes sanguineum</b> flowering currant	S
<b>Salix species</b> willow	S or T
<b>Skimmia japonica</b> skimmia	S
<b>Smyrniolus olusatrum</b> Native plant; alexanders †	Bi
<b>Stachyurus chinensis</b> stachyurus	S
<b>Stachyurus praecox</b> stachyurus	S
<b>Vaccinium corymbosum</b> blueberry	S
<b>Veronica species</b> (shrubby species previously called <i>Hebe</i> )	S

## Spring

Mar – May

<b>Acer campestre</b> Native plant; field maple	S or T
<b>Acer platanoides</b> Norway maple	T
<b>Acer pseudoplatanus</b> sycamore	T
<b>Acer saccharum</b> sugar maple	T
<b>Aesculus hippocastanum</b> horse chestnut	T
<b>Ajuga reptans</b> Native plant; bugle	H
<b>Arabis alpina subsp. caucasica</b> alpine rock cress	H
<b>Armeria caespitosa</b> juniper-leaved thrift	H
<b>Aubrieta species</b> aubrieta	H
<b>Aurinia saxatilis</b> gold dust	H
<b>Berberis darwinii</b> Darwin's barberry	S
<b>Berberis thunbergii</b> Japanese barberry	S
<b>Bergenia species</b> elephant ear	H
<b>Buxus sempervirens</b> Native plant; common box	S
<b>Caltha palustris</b> Native plant; marsh marigold	H
<b>Campanula species</b> bellflower	H
<b>Ceanothus species</b> California lilac	S
<b>Centaurea species</b> knapweed, cornflower	A or H
<b>Cercis siliquastrum</b> Judas tree	T
<b>Chaenomeles species</b> Japanese quince	S
<b>Cornus mas</b> Cornelian cherry	S
<b>Cotoneaster conspicuus</b> Tibetan cotoneaster	S
<b>Crataegus monogyna</b> Native plant; common hawthorn	S or T
<b>Crocus species</b> crocus (spring-flowering)	B
<b>Doronicum species</b> leopard's bane	H
<b>Erica species</b> heath – hardy types	S
<b>Erysimum species</b> wallflower	Bi or H
<b>Euphorbia species</b> spurge – hardy types	H or S
<b>Geranium species</b> cranesbill	H
<b>Geum rivale</b> Native plant; water avens	H
<b>Helleborus species &amp; hybrids hellebore</b> (spring-flowering)	H
<b>Iberis sempervirens</b> perennial candytuft	H
<b>Ilex aquifolium</b> Native plant; common holly	T
<b>Lamium maculatum</b> spotted dead nettle	H
<b>Lunaria annua</b> honesty	Bi

## Summer

June – Aug

<b>Achillea species</b> yarrow	H
<b>Actaea japonica</b> baneberry	H
<b>Aesculus indica</b> Indian horse chestnut (resistant to leaf-mining moth)	T
<b>Aesculus parviflora</b> bottlebrush buckeye	S
<b>Agastache species</b> giant hyssop	H
<b>Ageratum houstonianum</b> flossflower	A
<b>Alcea rosea</b> hollyhock	Bi
<b>Allium species</b> ornamental and edibles (when allowed to flower)	B
<b>Alstroemeria species</b> Peruvian lily	H
<b>Anchusa species</b> alkanet	A
<b>Angelica archangelica</b> angelica	Bi
<b>Angelica gigas</b> purple angelica	Bi
<b>Angelica sylvestris</b> Native plant; wild angelica	Bi
<b>Antirrhinum majus</b> snapdragon	A or H
<b>Aquilegia species</b> columbine	H
<b>Argemone platyceras</b> crested poppy	A or H
<b>Armeria maritima</b> Native plant; thrift	H

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<i>Aruncus dioicus</i> goat's beard (male form only)	H
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> common asparagus	H
<i>Astrantia major</i> greater masterwort	H
<i>Betonica macrantha</i> big sage	H
<i>Bistorta amplexicaulis</i> red bistort	H
<i>Bistorta officinalis</i> Native plant; common bistort	H
<i>Borago officinalis</i> borage	A
<i>Brachyglottis</i> (Dunedin Group) 'Sunshine' brachyglottis 'Sunshine'	S
<i>Brachyglottis monroi</i> Monro's ragwort	S
<i>Buddleja davidii</i> butterfly bush	S
<i>Buddleja globosa</i> orange ball tree	S
<i>Buphthalmum salicifolium</i> yellow ox-eye	H
<i>Bupleurum fruticosum</i> shrubby hare's ear	S
<i>Calamintha nepeta</i> Native plant; lesser calamint	H
<i>Calendula officinalis</i> common marigold	A
<i>Callicarpa bodinieri</i> var. <i>giraldii</i> beautyberry	S
<i>Callistephus chinensis</i> China aster	A
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i> Native plant; heather	S
<i>Campanula</i> species bellflower	H
<i>Campsis radicans</i> trumpet honeysuckle	C
<i>Caryopteris</i> × <i>clandonensis</i> caryopteris	S
<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i> Indian bean tree	T
<i>Centaurea</i> species knapweed, cornflower	A or H
<i>Centranthus ruber</i> red valerian	H
<i>Centaurea</i> species knapweed, cornflower	H
<i>Cerintho major</i> 'Purpurascens' honeywort 'Purpurascens'	A
<i>Cirsium rivulare</i> 'Atropurpureum' purple plume thistle	H
<i>Clarkia unguiculata</i> butterfly flower	A
<i>Clematis vitalba</i> Native plant; old man's beard, travellers' joy	C
<i>Consolida ajacis</i> giant larkspur	A
<i>Convolvulus tricolor</i> dwarf morning glory	A/C
<i>Coreopsis</i> species tickseed	H or A
<i>Cornus alba</i> red-barked dogwood	S
<i>Cosmos</i> species cosmos	A
<i>Cota tinctoria</i> dyer's chamomile	H
<i>Crambe cordifolia</i> greater sea kale	H
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> Native plant; common hawthorn	S or T
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> marrow, courgette	A
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i> including <b>Scolymus Group</b> ; globe artichoke and cardoon	H
<i>Cynoglossum amabile</i> Chinese forget-me-not	H
<i>Dahlia</i> species dahlia	H
<i>Delphinium elatum</i> candle larkspur	H
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i> sweet william	Bi



Photo: RHS / Helen Bostock (six-spot burnet moth on *Verbena bonariensis*).

<i>Dictamnus albus</i> dittany	H
<i>Digitalis</i> species foxglove	Bi
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> Native plant; common teasel	Bi
<i>Doronicum</i> species leopard's bane	H
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> purple coneflower	H
<i>Echinops</i> species globe thistle	H
<i>Echium vulgare</i> Native plant; viper's bugloss	A
<i>Elaeagnus</i> species oleaster, silverberry	S
<i>Epilobium canum</i> Californian fuchsia	S
<i>Erica</i> species heath – hardy types	S
<i>Erigeron</i> species fleabane	H
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> golden yarrow	H
<i>Eryngium</i> species eryngo, sea holly	H
<i>Erysimum</i> species wallflower	H or S
<i>Escallonia</i> species escallonia	S
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> California poppy	A
<i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i> Native plant; hemp agrimony	H
<i>Euphorbia</i> species spurge – hardy types	H or S
<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i> Joe Pye weed	H
<i>Ferula communis</i> giant fennel	H
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> common fennel †	H
<i>Fragaria</i> × <i>ananassa</i> garden strawberry	H
<i>Fuchsia</i> species fuchsia – hardy types	S
<i>Gaillardia</i> × <i>grandiflora</i> blanket flower	H
<i>Geranium pratense</i> Native plant; meadow cranesbill	H

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<b>Geranium species</b> cranesbill (summer-flowering)	H	<b>Mentha aquatica</b> Native plant; water mint	H
<b>Geum species</b> avens (summer-flowering)	H	<b>Mentha spicata</b> spearmint	H
<b>Gilia capitata</b> blue thimble flower	A	<b>Monarda didyma</b> bergamot	H
<b>Glebionis segetum</b> corn marigold †	A	<b>Myosotis species</b> forget-me-not	Bi
<b>Gypsophila species</b> baby's breath	A	<b>Nemophila menziesii</b> baby blue eyes	A
<b>Helenium species</b> Helen's flower	H	<b>Nepeta species</b> catmint	H
<b>Helianthus species</b> sunflower	A or H	<b>Nicotiana alata</b> flowering tobacco	A
<b>Heliopsis helianthoides</b> smooth ox-eye	H	<b>Nicotiana langsdorffii</b> Langsdorff's tobacco	A
<b>Heliotropium arborescens</b> common heliotrope	A	<b>Nicotiana sylvestris</b> flowering tobacco	Bi
<b>Heracleum sphondylium</b> Native plant; hogweed	Bi	<b>Nigella damascena</b> love-in-a-mist	A
<b>Hesperis matronalis</b> dame's violet	H	<b>Oenothera species</b> evening primrose	Bi
<b>Hydrangea paniculata</b> paniculate hydrangea (only cultivars with many fertile flowers)	S	<b>Oenothera lindheimeri</b> white gaura	H
<b>Hydrangea petiolaris</b> climbing hydrangea	S	<b>Olearia species</b> daisy bush	S
<b>Hydrangea viburnoides</b> climbing hydrangea	S	<b>Onopordum acanthium</b> cotton thistle	Bi
<b>Hylotelephium spectabile and hybrids</b> ice plant	H	<b>Origanum species</b> oregano, marjoram	H or S
<b>Hylotelephium telephium</b> Native plant; orpine	H	<b>Paeonia species</b> peony	H
<b>Hyssopus officinalis</b> hyssop	S	<b>Papaver orientale</b> oriental poppy	H
<b>Iberis amara</b> Native plant; wild candytuft	A	<b>Papaver rhoeas</b> Native plant; common poppy †	A
<b>Ilex aquifolium</b> Native plant; common holly	T	<b>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</b> Boston ivy	C
<b>Inula species</b> harvest daisy	H	<b>Penstemon species</b> beard-tongue	H
<b>Jasminum officinale</b> common jasmine	C	<b>Phacelia campanularia</b> Californian bluebell	A
<b>Kalmia latifolia</b> mountain laurel	S	<b>Phacelia tanacetifolia</b> fiddleneck	A
<b>Knautia arvensis</b> Native plant; field scabious	H	<b>Phaseolus coccineus</b> scarlet runner bean	A
<b>Knautia macedonica</b> Macedonian scabious	H	<b>Phlomis species</b> sage	S
<b>Koelreuteria paniculata</b> pride of India	T	<b>Phlox paniculata</b> perennial phlox	H
<b>Lathyrus latifolius</b> broad-leaved everlasting pea	H	<b>Phuopsis stylosa</b> Caucasian crosswort	H
<b>Laurus nobilis</b> bay tree	S	<b>Polemonium caeruleum</b> Native plant; Jacob's ladder	H
<b>Lavandula species</b> lavender	S	<b>Potentilla species</b> cinquefoil	H or S
<b>Leucanthemum × superbum</b> Shasta daisy	H	<b>Prostanthera cuneata</b> alpine mint bush	S
<b>Leucanthemum vulgare</b> Native plant; ox-eye daisy	H	<b>Prunus species</b> cherry, laurel	S or T
<b>Liatris spicata</b> button snakeroot	H	<b>Ptelea trifoliata</b> hop tree	S
<b>Ligustrum ovalifolium</b> garden privet	S	<b>Pyracantha species</b> firethorn	S
<b>Ligustrum sinense</b> Chinese privet	S	<b>Reseda odorata</b> garden mignonette	A
<b>Limnanthes douglasii</b> poached egg flower	A	<b>Ridolfia segetum</b> false fennel	A
<b>Limonium coriareum</b> broad-leaved statice	H	<b>Robinia pseudoacacia</b> false acacia	T
<b>Linaria purpurea</b> purple toadflax	H	<b>Rosa species</b> rose	S
<b>Lobularia maritima</b> sweet alyssum	A	<b>Rubus fruticosus agg.</b> Native plant; blackberry	S
<b>Lonicera periclymenum</b> Native plant; common honeysuckle	C	<b>Rubus idaeus</b> Native plant; common raspberry	S
<b>Lysimachia vulgaris</b> Native plant; yellow loosestrife	H	<b>Rudbeckia species</b> coneflower	A or H
<b>Lythrum salicaria</b> Native plant; purple loosestrife	H	<b>Salvia species</b> sage	A or H
<b>Lythrum virgatum</b> wand loosestrife	H	<b>Salvia rosmarinus</b> rosemary	S
<b>Malope trifida</b> large-flowered mallow wort	A	<b>Salvia yangii</b> Russian sage	S
<b>Malva species</b> mallow	H	<b>Sanvitalia procumbens</b> creeping zinnia	A
<b>Matthiola incana</b> hoary stock	Bi	<b>Scabiosa species</b> scabious	A/H
		<b>Sidalcea malviflora</b> checkerbloom	H

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<i>Silene flos-cuculi</i>	Native plant; ragged robin	H
<i>Solidago</i> species	goldenrod	H
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Native plant; common whitebeam	T
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Native plant; mountain ash, rowan	T
<i>Spiraea japonica</i>	Japanese spiraea	S
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	lamb's ear	H
<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	Stokes' aster	H
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	snowberry	S
<i>Tagetes patula</i>	French marigold	A
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	tamarisk	S
<i>Tanacetum coccineum</i>	pyrethrum	H
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Native plant; tansy †	H
<i>Telekia speciosa</i>	yellow ox-eye	H
<i>Tetradium daniellii</i>	bee-bee tree	T
<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	Native plant; wall germander	H
<i>Thymus</i> species	thyme	S
<i>Tilia × europaea</i>	common lime	T
<i>Tilia maximowicziana</i>	lime	T
<i>Tilia oliveri</i>	lime	T
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	Native plant; broad-leaved lime	T
<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i>	Mexican sunflower	A
<i>Trachymene coerulea</i>	blue lace flower	A
<i>Trollius</i> species	globeflower	H
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	garden nasturtium	A
<i>Verbascum</i> species	mullein	Bi
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	purple top	H
<i>Verbena rigida</i>	slender vervain	A
<i>Veronica</i> shrubby species	previously called <i>Hebe</i>	S
<i>Veronica longifolia</i>	garden speedwell	H
<i>Veronica spicata</i>	Native plant; spiked speedwell	H
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's root	H
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Native plant; common wayfaring tree	S
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Native plant; guelder rose	S
<i>Vicia faba</i>	broad bean	A
<i>Weigela florida</i>	weigelia	S
<i>Zinnia elegans</i>	youth and old age	A



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<i>Anemone hupehensis</i>	Chinese anemone	H
<i>Anemone × hybrida</i>	Japanese anemone	H
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	strawberry tree	S or T
<i>Campanula</i> species	bellflower	H
<i>Centaurea</i> species	knapsweed, cornflower	A or H
<i>Cerastigma plumbaginoides</i>	hardy blue-flowered leadwort	H
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> species & hybrids	chrysanthemum	H
<i>Clematis heracleifolia</i>	tube clematis	C
<i>Colchicum</i> species	autumn crocus	B
<i>Crocus</i> species	crocus (autumn-flowering types)	B
<i>Dahlia</i> species & hybrids	dahlia	H
<i>Elaeagnus</i> species	silverberry, oleaster	S
<i>Erica</i> species	heath – hardy types	S
<i>Eryngium</i> species	eryngo, sea holly	H
<i>Fatsia japonica</i>	Japanese aralia	S
<i>Hedera</i> species	ivy	C
<i>Helianthus</i> species	sunflower	A or H
<i>Leucanthemella serotina</i>	autumn ox-eye	H
<i>Machaeranthera tanacetifolia</i>	tansy-leaf aster	A
<i>Malva</i> species	mallow	H
<i>Origanum</i> species	oregano, marjoram	H or S
<i>Salvia</i> species	sage (autumn-flowering types)	H
<i>Symphotrichum</i> species and hybrids	Michaelmas daisy	H
<i>Tilia henryana</i>	Henry's lime (one of the last to flower)	T

## Autumn

Sept – Oct

<i>Aconitum carmichaelii</i>	Carmichael's monk's hood	H
<i>Actaea simplex</i>	simple-stemmed bugbane	H
<i>Anchusa</i> species	alkonet	A

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