

NATIVE PLANTS FOR NATIVE BEES



Creating a garden that provides a home for native bees is less about selecting specific species and more about having a broad diversity of species. The key is ensuring there are flowering plants available all year round to provide an ongoing food source for bees. This list is in no way exact or exhaustive, it has been put together from existing published materials and anecdotal information from local bee keepers. It is ordered by flowering month to help you select plants that flower throughout the year.

FLOWERING PERIOD	SPECIES	FORM
Jan-May	Buckinghamia celsissima (Ivory Curl Tree)	tree
Jan-Dec	Asteromyrtus magnifica	shrub/small tree
Jan-Dec	Asteromyrtus symphyocarpa (Linimet Tree)	tree
Jan-Dec	Canavalia rosea	ground cover
Jan-Dec	Clerodendrum floribundum (Lolly Bush)	shrub/small tree
Jan-Dec	Ipomoea pescaprae (Beach Morning Glory)	groundcover
Jan-Dec	Xanthostemon paradoxus (Bridal tree)	tree
Feb-Jun	Sesbania muelleri	shrub
Feb-Aug	Corymbia dichromophloia (Small-fruit Bloodwood)	tree
Feb-Sep	Osbeckia australiana	small shrub
Mar-Apr	Desmodium heterocarpon	small shrub
Mar-Jun	Corymbia polycarpa (Long-fruited Bloodwood)	tree
Mar-Oct	Senna venusta (Graceful Cassia)	shrub
Apr-Jun	Corymbia bleeseri (Glossy-leaved Bloodwood)	tree
Apr-Aug	Grevillea aurea	shrub
Apr-Sep	Melaleuca leucadendra (Weeping Paperbark)	tree
May-Jul	Eucalyptus phoenicea (Scarlett Gum)	tree
May-Aug	Acacia difficillus (River Watle)	shrub/small tree
May-Aug	Eucalyptus miniata (Woolybut)	tree
May-Sep	Grevillea pteridifolia (Fern-leaved Grevillea)	tree
May-Nov	Timonius timon	tree
May-Sept	Maranthes corymbosa (White Cloud Tree)	tree
Jun-Aug	Eucalyptus tetradonta (Stringybark)	tree
Jun-Aug	Xanthostemon chrysanthus (Golden penda)	tree
Jun-Aug	Xanthostemon verticillatus (Bloomfield penda)	tree
Jun-Sep	Bauhinia cunninghamii (Bean Tree)	tree
Jun-Oct	Jacksonia dilatata (Jacksonia)	shrub
Jul-Oct	Grevillea parallela (Silver Grevillea)	shrub/small tree



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Jul-Oct	Melaleuca argentea (Silver-leaved Paperbark)	tree
Jul-Oct	Planchonia careya (Cocky apple)	tree
Jul-Nov	Leptospermum madidum (Weeping Tea Tree)	tree
Aug-Sep	Alstonia actinophylla (Northern Milkwood)	tree
Aug-Nov	Erythrophleum chlorostachys (Ironwood)	tree
Aug-Nov	Lophopetalum arnhemicum	tree
Aug-Nov	Melaleuca dealbata (Blue Paperbark)	tree
Aug-Jan	Peltophorum pterocarpum (Yellow Flame Tree)	tree
Sep-Nov	Syzygium nervosum (Daly River satinash)	tree
Sep-Nov	Millettia pinnata (Pongamia/Indian Beech)	tree
Sep-Dec	Eucalyptus tectifica (Darwin Box/ Grey Box)	tree
Sep-Dec	Nauclea orientalis (Leichhardt Tree)	tree
Sep-Dec	Syzygium armstrongii (Small white bush apple)	tree
Sep-Dec	Syzygium forte (White bush apple)	tree
Sep-Dec	Terminalia microcarpa (Damson Plum)	tree
Sep-Dec	Pavetta brownii	shrub
Sep-Jan	Corymbia bella (Ghost Gum)	tree
Oct-Nov	Syzygium hemilamprum (Blush satinash)	tree
Oct-Dec	Allosyncarpia ternata (Anbinik)	tree
Oct-Dec	Syzygium austral (Red brush cherry)	tree
Oct-Feb	Crinum arenarium (Field lily)	ground cover
Oct-Apr	Grevillea pluricaulis	shrub
Oct-Apr	Melastoma malabathricum (Native Lasiandra)	shrub
Oct-Jun	Corymbia ptychocarpa (Swamp Bloodwood)	tree
Oct-July	Chrysopogon fallax (Golden Beard Grass)	grass/groundcover
Nov-Feb	Davidsonia pruriens (Davidson's Plum)	tree
Nov-Mar	Corymbia latifolia (Round-leaved Bloodwood)	tree
Nov-Mar	Corymbia porrecta (Grey Bloodwood)	tree
Nov-Apr	Curcuma australisica (Native ginger)	ground cover
Nov-Apr	Grevillea goodii	shrub
Nov-Apr	Melaleuca viridiflora	tree
Nov-Dec	Murraya paniculata	shrub/small tree
Dec-Feb	Calophyllum inophyllum (Beauty Leaf)	tree
Dec-Apr	Banksia dentata	shrub
Dec-May	Corymbia ferruginea (Rusty Bloodwood)	tree
Dec-May	Grevillea formosa	groundcover
n/a	Callitris intratropica (Northern cypress pine)* for collecting resin	tree



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