

Washington Bumble Bee Habitat Kit

Garden Habitat Kit Plant List

Bloom Period	Common Name	Scientific Name	Flower Color	Number of Plants	Height	Sun	Water Needs	Growth Notes	Notes
Grasses									
Mid	1 Idaho Fescue	<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	yellow	3	1-2 ft	Sun/ Part Shade	Dry/ Moist	Bunchgrass	Grasses and sedges provide vegetation cover and materials for nesting. Bumble bees will sometimes nest just below the soil surface and underneath the messy, grass canopy. Bees, syrphid flies, and beetles feed on their accessible and abundant pollen. Important larval hosts for many different skipper butterflies and a few moths.
	2 Bluebunch Wheatgrass	<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i>	yellow	3	1-2 ft	Sun	Dry	Bunchgrass	
Forbs & Subshrubs									
Early	3 Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	white/ Pink	2	6 in	Sun/ Part Shade	Moist/ Wet	Ground Cover	This low-growing, ground-trailing sub-shrub is evergreen and offers spring blooms for bumble bees and other pollinators; larval host plant for several butterflies, including hoary elfin and brown elfin.
Early-Mid	4 Western Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	red	0-3	24-36 in	Sun/ Part Shade	Dry/ Moist	Rhizomatous	Attractive to many pollinators, including bumble bees and other native bees.
	5 Bigleaf Lupine	<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	purple	0-3	15-20 in	Sun/ Part Shade	Moist	Occasionally Rhizomatous	An early blooming special value resource for bumble bees; larval host for butterflies and moths.
Mid	6 Showy Milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	pink	3	15-36 in	Sun	Moist/ Wet	Rhizomatous	Milkweeds are host plants for the monarch butterfly and nectar sources for many bees; stem nesting resource.
	7 Littleflower Penstemon	<i>Penstemon procerus</i>	blue-purple	3	5-15 in	Sun/ Part Shade	Dry/ Moist	Rhizomatous Mound	Attractive to native pollinators, including bumble bees, bees, flies, and wasps.
Mid-Late	8 Blanketflower	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	yellow	3	6-24 in	Sun	Dry/ Moist		High-value pollinator plant, providing special value to bumble bees, wasps, beetles, and butterflies, including monarchs.
Late	9 Canada Goldenrod	<i>Solidago elongata</i>	yellow	3	1-3 ft	Sun/ Part Shade	Dry/ Moist	Rhizomatous	Important late-season forage for bees, butterflies, wasps, beetles, and more.
	10 Leafybract Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum foliaceum</i>	purple	0-3	6-24 in	Sun/ Part Shade	Moist	Rhizomatous	Important late-season forage for bumble bees, other native bees, butterflies; host plant to larval butterflies.
	11 Western Aster	<i>Symphyotrichum spathulatum</i>	purple	3-6	32 in	Sun/ Part Shade	Moist	Rhizomatous	Important late-season forage for bumble bees, other native bees, and butterflies
Shrubs & Small Trees									
Early	12 Creeping OR Grape	<i>Mahonia repens</i>	yellow	2	6-18 in	Part shade/ Shade	Dry	Rhizomatous Bush	Early-blooming evergreen shrub; important food plant for pollinators.
	13 Scouler's Willow	<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	yellow	1	6-32 ft	Sun	Dry/ Moist	Bush/Tree, Rhizomatous	Early-blooming tall shrub or tree; important wildlife plant; grows near stream banks, sloughs, and drier areas from low- to mid-elevations. Growth form depends on the amount of water.
Early-Mid	14 Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	yellow	2	2-6 ft	Sun/ Part Shade	Dry/ Moist	Bush	Early-blooming shrub attractive to bumble bees and other native bees.
	15 Wood's Rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	pink	2	3-6 ft	Sun/ Part Shade	Dry/ Moist	Rhizomatous Bush	Wild roses provide high value to pollinators, including bumble bees, beetles, butterflies, flies, and wasps; larval host plant to moths; provides nesting structure for bees.
Early-Late	16 Shinyleaf Spirea	<i>Spiraea lucida</i>	white	2	1-2 ft	Sun/ Part Shade	Dry/ Moist	Bush	Workhorse pollinator plant, providing special value to bumble bees, wasps, beetles, and flies; larval host plant to butterflies and moths.
Mid-Late	17 Common Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	white	2	2-5 ft	Part shade	Dry/ Moist	Rhizomatous Bush	High-value pollinator plant for bumble bees, beetles, wasps, flies, and butterflies; larval host plant for butterflies and moths.
Late	18 Common Rabbitbrush	<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	yellow	2	1-3 ft	Sun	Dry	Bush	Great late-season nectar source for bees and butterflies; drought tolerant.
Total Number of Plants:				39					