

FLOWERS FOR *BOMBUS FERVIDUS*

The yellow or golden northern bumblebee, *Bombus fervidus*, is a species of greatest conservation need.

FLOWERS FOR POLLEN provide protein to make more bees (not shown: *Rosa nitida*, *Rosa palustris*, *Rosa virginiana*).



CAROLINA ROSE
Rosa carolina
June–August



FLOWERING RASPBERRY
Rubus odoratus
June–July



MEADOWSWEET
Spiraea alba
June–September



STEEPLEBUSH
Spiraea tomentosa
August–September

FLOWERS FOR NECTAR provide carbohydrates for energy.



WOOD BETONY
Pedicularis canadensis
April–May



**NORTHEASTERN
BEARDTONGUE**
Penstemon hirsutus
May–June



**FOXGLOVE
BEARDTONGUE**
Penstemon digitalis
May–July



WILD LUPINE
Lupinus perennis
May–July



CANADA MILKVETCH
Astragalus canadensis
May–July



COMMON SELF-HEAL
Prunella vulgaris
June–August



**YELLOW WILD
INDIGO**
Baptisia tinctoria
June–August



SCARLET BEE BALM
Monarda didyma
June–August



BEACH VETCHLING
Lathyrus japonicus
June–August



**ALLEGHENY MONKEY
FLOWER**
Mimulus ringens
June–September



PICKERELWEED
Pontederia cordata
June–September



BEE BALM
Monarda fistulosa
July–September



PURPLE GIANT HYSSOP
Agastache scrophulariifolia
July–September



SPOTTED TOUCH-ME-NOT
Impatiens capensis
July–September



CLOSED GENTIAN
Gentiana clausa
July–September



HOODED SKULLCAP
Scutellaria galericulata
July–September



MAD DOG SKULLCAP
Scutellaria lateriflora
July–September



FIELD THISTLE
Cirsium discolor
August–September



OBEDIENT PLANT
Physostegia virginiana
August–September



**ROUND-HEADED
BUSH CLOVER**
Lespedeza capitata
August–September

Other food plants: American holly, aster, black willow, common milkweed, devil's beggarticks, goldenrod, honeysuckle, joe-pye weed, rose mallow, thistle (yellow, swamp, pasture), tulip tree (yellow poplar).

Habitat preferences: Grassland cover is important for *B. fervidus* which frequently nests aboveground in such habitats.

It has also been found in hayfields, cultivated cropland, sandy areas, power line ROW, a limestone quarry, town parks, and the grounds of an urban seaside university in Connecticut.

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