

# FLOWERS FOR BEES

✿ Shop pesticide-free nurseries ✿ Plant in patches ✿ Diversify for color, structure and bloom season

| Bloom Period                                                                                                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
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| <b>Early</b><br>April–June<br> |    |    |    |    |    |
|                                                                                                                | <b>BLUE WILD INDIGO*</b><br><i>Baptisia australis</i>                               | <b>GOLDEN ALEXANDER</b><br><i>Zizia aurea</i>                                       | <b>SUNDIAL LUPINE</b><br><i>Lupinus perennis</i>                                     | <b>PURPLE DEADNETTLE**</b><br><i>Lamium purpureum</i>                                 | <b>WILD GERANIUM</b><br><i>Geranium maculatum</i>                                     |
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|                                                                                                                | <b>LANCE-LEAVED COREOPSIS*</b><br><i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>                       | <b>RED CLOVER**</b><br><i>Trifolium pratense</i>                                    | <b>FOXGLOVE BEARDTONGUE</b><br><i>Penstemon digitalis</i>                            | <b>COMMON SELFHEAL</b><br><i>Prunella vulgaris</i>                                    | <b>COMMON MILKWEED</b><br><i>Asclepias syriaca</i>                                    |
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|                                                                                                                | <b>PURPLE CONEFLOWER*</b><br><i>Echinacea purpurea</i>                              | <b>BLAZING STAR*</b><br><i>Liatris spicata</i>                                      | <b>BUTTERFLY MILKWEED</b><br><i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>                               | <b>WILD BEE-BALM</b><br><i>Monarda fistulosa</i>                                      | <b>ANISE HYSOP*</b><br><i>Agastache foeniculum</i>                                    |
| <b>Late</b><br>August–October                                                                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                | <b>JOE-PYE WEED</b><br><i>Eutrochium spp.</i>                                       | <b>COMMON SUNFLOWER*</b><br><i>Helianthus annuus</i>                                | <b>NEW YORK IRONWEED</b><br><i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>                           | <b>GOLDENROD</b><br><i>Solidago spp.</i>                                              | <b>NEW ENGLAND ASTER</b><br><i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>                       |

All plants listed are native to Rhode Island, *except*: \* = Native to parts of North America | \*\* = Not native to North America  
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