

Table 1. “Stand-out” plant species that attracted the most pollinators in our 3 years of trials in Southern Ontario. Plants that attractive high numbers of native bees are indicated with bolding, as they are often of most interest to consumers. Plants are roughly ranked from most to least attractive by origin.

Origin	Seasonality	Plant species	Common Name	Cultivar(s)	Pollinators Attracted
Exotic	Perennial	<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	Cosmos	‘Candy Stripe’	Honeybees, Native Bees
	Annual	<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	Tall Verbena	‘Meteor Shower’	Honeybees, Native Bees , Hoverflies, Butterflies and Moths,
	Perennial	<i>Sedum spurium</i>	Stonecrop	‘Summer Snow’	Native Bees , Hoverflies
	Annual	<i>Canna generalis</i>	Canna Lilly	‘Toucan Coral’, ‘Toucan Yellow’	Wasps, Native Bees
	Annual	<i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i>	Marguerite Daisy	‘White Butterfly’	Hoverflies, Native Bees , Pollinating Beetles
	Perennial	<i>Dianthus chinensis x barbatus</i>	Pinks	‘Floral Pink’	Butterflies and Moths, Hoverflies
	Perennial	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	Lavender	‘SuperBlue’	Honeybees, Bumblebees, Carpenter bees,
	Annual	<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>	Starflower	‘Lucky Star Raspberry’	Pollinating beetles
Native	Perennial	<i>Helianthus hybrida</i>	Sunflower”	‘Sunfinity’	Honeybees, Native Bees
	Perennial	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Coneflower	‘Eccentric Yellow’, ‘Green Twister’, ‘Summer Sky’	Honey bees, Wasps, Butterflies, Beeflies, Pollinating Beetles
	Perennial	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Ox eye	var. scabra ‘Burning Hearts’	Honey bees, Native bees , Hoverflies Bumblebees, Bee Flies
		<i>Rudebeckia occidentalis</i>	Western Coneflower	‘Green Wizard’	Bumblebees, Pollinating Beetles
	Perennial	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Whorled Tickseed	“Corleone Red and Yellow”	Native Bees , Hoverflies, Bee Flies, Pollinating Beetles
	Perennial	<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>	Large-flowered Tickseed	“Double the Sun”	Butterflies, Beeflies, Hoverflies
	Perennial	<i>Monarda hybrid</i>	Bergamot, Bee Balm	“Leading Lady Plum”	Bumblebees, Hoverflies
	Perennial	<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	Mealycup Sage	“Unplugged So Blue”	Native Bees , Hoverflies, Bumble Bees