

Flowers to Plant

Below is a list of flowers and plants you can grow to attract and support healthy bees in your yard!

Aster

Primrose

Heather

Dahlia

Sunflower

Cosmos

Goldenrod



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Nutritious Bee food

Bees eat two things: nectar and pollen.

Choose a variety of plants that flower at different times so bees always have something to eat.

Bees have good color vision; they especially like blue, purple, violet, white and yellow.

A variety of flower shapes will attract a diversity of bees.

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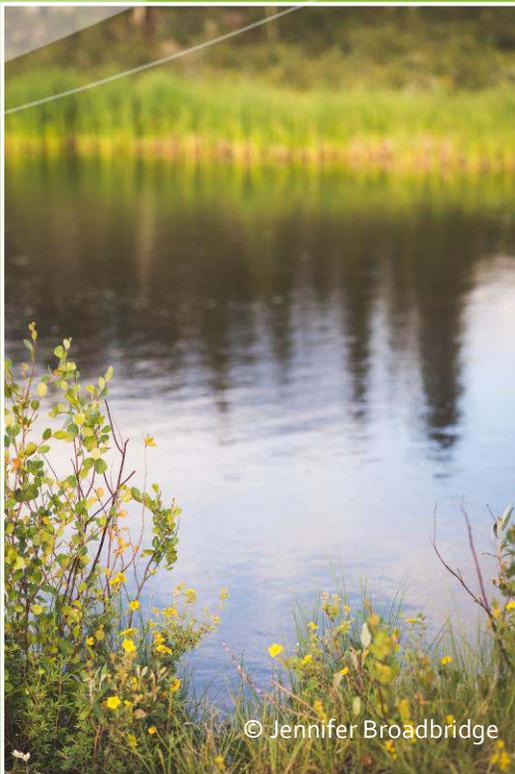
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Create a Bee Friendly Garden

Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee Project

NWT Species at Risk

The Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee is a medium-sized bee with a densely hairy outer surface. They are found in the northern regions of the world, including most of Canada. Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bees have been found in Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Norman Wells, Fort Simpson, Hay River and Fort Smith. These bees take advantage of other nests and workers of host bumble bees such as the Western Bumble Bee and the Yellow-Banded Bumble Bee. In the past 20-30 years bumblebee populations have suffered large population declines. Scientists have linked the use of neuro-active insecticides (often referred to as “neonics”) to toxicity in honeybees and other beneficial insects. By attracting bees to your garden you are helping support bee populations. If you spot a Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee please send an e-mail to sara@gov.nt.ca with the date, time and location!



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Creating a bee-friendly garden

Bees are our most important pollinators and love to live in settings where there are a variety of different plants and flowers. Bees will thrive in a backyard, community or patio garden with available food and water.

Bees need access fresh water to drink and benefit islands in the water to touch down on, such as rocks.

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/what-you-can-do/food-and-our-planet/create-a-bee-friendly-garden/>

1. Create a bee house
2. Provide nutritious bee food
3. Make a bee bath
 - Line a shallow bowl or plate with rocks
 - Add water and leave the rocks dry
 - Place at ground level in the garden



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